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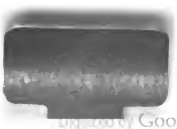

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AND

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AUTHOR'S REMARKS.

In the preparation of this, the first volume of a proposed series, covering the early history and biography of our state, it has been my purpose to condense the purely historical portion allotted to each town, for I fully realize that biography alone is history. The great events, from the days of the Green Mountain Boys, led by Seth Warner, Remember Baker, and Ethan Allen, to our present day, are all contained in the biography of the sturdy sons of our hills. In this form history always takes on a splendid glow and freshness.

In the series of biographical sketches which follow, the plan is unique, and I trust will prove effectual in preserving, not only the history of the events, but of those who participated in them, not alone in the early wars of our common country, but in the peaceful victories and industrial accomplishments of our people, whose lives have played so important a part in the vast history of the American republic.

It was in the afternoon of July 12, 1609, that Samuel de Champlain, Lieutenant-Governor of New France, came to make war on the hitherto unconquerable Iroquois, on the western shores of the lake which now bears his name. Champlain was probably the first white man to see the beautiful Green Mountains of Vermont, although he never set foot upon her soil. This was before Hendrick Hudson sailed up the great river now bearing his name; and eleven years prior to the landing of the Pilgrims.

The first record given of white men in Vermont was about 1690, when the French colonies in Canada planned a series of winter raids upon the English, and in February of that year, the raiders followed the bloody trail, along Lake Champlain, raiding Schenectady, New York, killing sixty and taking twenty-seven prisoners. A raid on Salmon Falls, New Hampshire, resulted in thirty killed, and in Dover, New Hampshire, twenty-three were killed. In all of these expeditions the Indians and their French allies passed southward, crossing Vermont through the valleys of the Winooski and White rivers. Returning home with dripping hatchets and the scalps of many a white settler dangling from their savage belts, they truly dyed the soil of Vermont with the blood of their butchered victims. It was by this trail that the descent on Deerfield, Massachusetts, was made in 1704.

The first actual settlement in the state dates from 1624, when Massachusetts built Fort Dummer, near what is now Brattleboro. In all of the early wars Vermont bore a conspicuous part. Her streams were the highways of the restless savages; her forests were their hiding places, while the beautiful lake which forms much of her western border, saw more fierce fighting than the St. Lawrence or the Hudson.

In 1763 the settlement of the state began in earnest, the great forests were pushed back and a thriving colony took its place, whose valor and patriotism, whose homely virtue and loyalty did much to turn the scale in the struggle for American independence. With true, patriotic fervor they declared: "The land is given us for an inheritance." This new country received its christening in 1763, from the

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summit of Mount Pisgah, when the Rev. Samuel Peters "looked and beheld the grandeur of the promised land," and declared: "I name thee VERD MOUNT."

In 1763 one hundred and eighty-three towns, all owing allegiance to New Hampshire, had been chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire. These extended across the state and up to within twenty miles of Lake Champlain. In 1764 the king decreed that the western boundary of the Connecticut river should form the eastern boundary of New York province, causing the boundary dispute to break out in earnest and the formation of the Green Mountain Boys, an organization whose fame has come down to us so vividly in history, song, and story. The valiant service of Ethan Allen, Remember Baker, Seth Warner and their associates are too well known to need any elaboration at this time.

It is to trace down through the long line of pioneers, patriots, and soldiers, the lives, works, and accomplishments of the sons of Vermont, that this work was first conceived.

A prominent newspaper man to whom the writer confided his plans before the first articles were written, asked these questions: "What do you call SUCCESSFUL VERMONTERS? Who is eligible for representation in your proposed work?" My reply was then and is now: "That great body of Vermonters—by birth or adoption—who are men of quality, honor, honesty, integrity, and moral worth; those men who have contributed materially to the development and progress of our state; those men who love our institutions, our traditions, and our people; those men of character, whose influence has been for the upbuilding of our several communities. Finally, all good men, without regard to the amount of their material acquirements. Not that I am opposed to wealth but rather that the acquirement of wealth is not a standard either of true greatness or success. In a word, the great body of plain people, who as Lincoln said: 'God must love because he made so many of them.'"

If I shall have added to the material for the future historian; if I shall have preserved the biography and history of any of the families of those gracious, temperate, and valiant old state builders, whose works shall live throughout all time; if I shall win the approval of the people of our beloved state, then, and only then, shall I not have labored in vain.

The assembling of the large amount of material here used, the consulting of an almost innumerable number of authorities and records, is a task that one might well wish to avoid. The anxious care and watchfulness one must exercise to eliminate so far as possible errors, is great indeed, and yet I have found this a labor of love. Errors there are, for perfection is stamped upon the works of God alone, progression upon the works of man. In this I have labored towards progression, well knowing that perfection was unattainable.

So with these few remarks I consign my labor to an ever kind and charitable public, trusting that it will in a measure prove both useful and helpful to those who ove to learn more of men, that they may better know God.

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TO

ALL SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF

VERMONT

BY BIRTH OR ADOPTION

WHO LOVE HER INSTITUTIONS, HER HISTORY, AND HER
TRADITIONS, THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

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VERMONT

Hail, thou Green Mountain State!
Home of the good and great
Of by-gone days!
Thy patriots' honored name,
Thy heroes' deathless fame,
Thy sons will loud proclaim
And sound thy praise.

Clothed in their living green,
Thy noble hills are seen,
Our boast and pride;
There, winds with praise resound,
There, wild flowers sweet are found
And peace and health abound
On every side.

Fierce was thy long campaign,
For liberty to gain
A sure repose.
Thy banner wide unfurled,
Thou didst "defy the world,"
And thy stout weapons hurled
'Gainst all thy foes!

Hail, then, our loved Vermont!
Freedom's baptismal font
Was reared by thee;
Still may its waters bless
Thy sons, who would possess
Truth, Courage, Holiness
And Liberty.

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CALEDONIA COUNTY

Population, Census of 1900, 24,381

CALEDONIA county was organized November 8, 1796, with Danville as its shire town. It was called Caledonia in honor of the numerous emigrants from Scotland, Caledonia being the ancient Roman name for Scotland.

The growth of St. Johnsbury, the construction of the railroad through the town, and other causes, made it desirable that it should be made the shire town, which was done, and the court-house in St. Johnsbury was erected and first occupied by the court at the December term, 1856.

The soil is good and suitable to every condition of agriculture. The western portion of the county is mountainous, and although the farms in that part are on high lands, they admit of successful cultivation, some of the best farms in the county being on the high hills of Danville. The valleys of the Connecticut and Passumpsic rivers are composed of rich, deep soil, and are easily cultivated.

It has been said of Caledonia county that every farm has its own muck bed. While this is not strictly true, yet the deposits are so abundant that every farmer can avail himself of this most excellent absorbent at little or no expense. Caledonia county is a rich farming district, and scores of farms give an affirmative answer to the question, "Does farming pay?" The farmers are rapidly adopting the modern methods of agriculture, realizing that the old ways of fifty years ago are as much out of place on the farm as in the store or shop.

The county is well watered by many streams. The Connecticut runs along the southeastern side, and the northern towns are watered by the head waters of the Passumpsic. Every farmhouse can be supplied with pure, soft running water from the numerous springs which abound. There are many falls at numerous places on the rivers, with power both improved and undeveloped, which should make the county one of the first for manufactures. Among some are Stevens river, which falls eighty feet in the distance of twenty rods near its mouth; the Emerson falls on Sleeper's river, half a mile from St. Johnsbury, which fall seventy-five feet in five rods; an available power at Passumpsic of from 300 to 500 horse power, with two side tracks; a 500 horse power of the St. Johnsbury Power Co., of which less than a third is used, the Great Falls at Lyndon, owned and formerly used by the Wilder Pulp Co., an immense power which is now idle; and many others.

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The mineral resources are principally of granite. In Kirby and Sheffield are extensive deposits of granite of very good quality and texture, which have as yet been worked but little. The Blue Mountain granite from Ryegate is known the country over, and is considered the best for monumental purposes of any in the state. While the Hardwick quarries are equalled only by those of Barre and for quality are surpassed by none in the world.

Gold specimens have been found in Waterford, and the rocks there are of a gold-bearing formation.

There is also a slate ledge in Waterford, from which roofing slates of very good quality have been quarried, but which is not worked at present.

The transportation facilities are excellent, three different lines of railways crossing the county. One runs the entire length, north and south, and the others east and west, giving direct lines to Portland, Boston, and Montreal, with but six hours' ride from either of the three. St. Johnsbury, at the junction of two of these roads, offers exceptional advantages as a business point, and also as a place to live. The town is liberally disposed toward legitimate manufacturing enterprises, and the formation of an energetic board of trade has awakened new interest in the resources of the town as a manufacturing center.

Caledonia joins with her sister counties in presenting fertile plains, well-watered valleys, health-giving breezes, and never failing harvests, as inducements to Vermont's sons in the West to come home to the mother state, which has enough and to spare for their comfort and sustenance.

ST. JOHNSBURY.

Population Census of 1900, 7,010.

The town is the essential unit of the political institutions of New England. In a real sense a town is a moral being, with ideals, principles, traditions, and a history, something more, something higher than a mere aggregation of individuals and material wealth.

It is this nobler conception of his town and of his state that inspires the citizen with patriotism and all the civic virtues; this conception is the foundation stone of our constitutional liberties; hence the history of the town is worthy of our first and most careful consideration. The town of St. Johnsbury is not only the railroad, the industrial and the educational center of northeastern Vermont, but it has exerted a potent and controlling influence, by reason of the character and ability of its leading men. The tract of land, about 39,000 acres, on the Passumpsic river, that included the present town of St. Johnsbury and a portion of the towns of Concord and Waterford, was granted by King

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George III in 1770, to thirty-nine petitioners, under the leadership of John Woods and William Swan.

HON. JONATHAN ARNOLD, FOUNDER OF ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT.

It was called Dunmore, in honor of the Earl of Dunmore. There is no record that any permanent settlement was made here until 1785, as the authority of King George was not then recognized as paramount in this region. About this time Hon. Jonathan Arnold of Rhode Island, and his associates, petitioned

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Governor Thomas Chittenden of Vermont for a grant of unappropriated land, who granted them a charter for a new township November 1, 1786. The name of St. Johnsbury was given in honor of St. John De Crevecoeur, the French consul at New York, at the suggestion of his friend, Colonel Ethan Allen, a fitting recognition of a true and distinguished friend of America. Among the grantees were the names of Jonathan Arnold, Samuel Stevens, Ira Allen of Irasburg, Joseph Fay of Bennington, the brothers, James and John Clark, James, Jonathan, and J. Cullender Adams, William and Jonathan Trescott. Allen and Fay were non-residents holding four shares, and Samuel Stevens held eighteen rights, or about 5,400 acres, most of which were subsequently transferred to Dr. Arnold and other actual settlers. Arnold received 3,900 acres in his own right at the date of the charter, about one tenth of the original grant.

The area of the town was estimated at 21,167 acres. Provision was made in the charter for education and religion, by the reservation of one seventy-first part for the use of a seminary or college, and the same for the use of county grammar schools in the state, also an equal share for the support of an English school or schools in the township, and for the settlement of ministers of the gospel. Provision was also made for the erection of the first grist and sawmills, out of the proceeds of the public land. The reservations of this charter were: "That each proprietor of the township should plant and cultivate five acres of land, and build a house at least eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one family settled on each respective right in said township within the time limited by law of the state. Also that all pine timber suitable for a navy be reserved for the use and benefit of the free men of the state." The penalty was forfeiture of the land.

The settlement of the town was begun in the latter part of 1786, just before the charter was granted. The pioneers were James Martin, J. C. and Jonathan Adams, who located on the valley near the works of the Northern Lumber Co., and Simeon Cole, who settled on the meadows south of Center village. Later, Benjamin Doolittle, Josiah Nichol, Thomas Todd, Jonathan and William Trescott had all obtained rights as actual settlers. The supplies of the little settlement were all obtained from the stores and grist-mills of Barnet, at first transported on the shoulders of the pioneers.

The spring of 1787 brought a notable addition, Jonathan Arnold and sixteen others. Dr. Arnold was a man of high character and ability, formerly a member of congress from Rhode Island.

He settled at the head of St. Johnsbury Plain, and also owned the district now known as Fairbanks village. During the summer of 1787 he erected the first frame house in St. Johnsbury, located just above the park, which stood until 1844, when the boys burned it in celebrating the presidential election of General Polk. The first town meeting was held in this house in 1790, with Jonathan Arnold, moderator and clerk, Jonathan Adams, treasurer, and Joel Roberts, Joseph

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Lord, and Martin Adams, selectmen.

In June, 1787, the "one full right," reserved according to the charter for building mills, was located on the Passumpsic, just above the mouth of Moose river. This property, 300 acres, was assigned to Dr. Arnold, and during the spring of 1787 he erected a sawmill, and later a grist-mill, the modern Paddock village being known as "Arnold's Mills." After the mills were established, the rights assigned, and some highways laid out, the population increased rapidly by immigration, largely from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. David Goss removed to St. Johnsbury in 1792, built a sawmill in 1793, and a comfortable residence the following year, thus forming the nucleus of Goss Hollow.

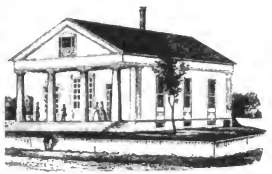
These are the brief and simple landmarks of the early history of the town. Traversed from north to south by the Passumpsic river, with its tributaries, the Moose on the east, and Sleeper's river on the west, with a surface diversified but not broken, and a soil well adapted to the purposes of cultivation, the town soon took rank as a prosperous agricultural community.

The following interesting tradition is related in connection with the early survey of the town. Dr. Arnold, with others, was establishing lines in the vicinity of Sleeper's river, then known as West Branch. The provisions and equipments were left in charge of Thomas Todd. When the surveyors returned Todd was found on the river bank enjoying a quiet snooze. "Henceforward," said Dr. Arnold, "let the West Branch be known as Sleeper's river."

In 1797 St. Johnsbury was set off from Orange county and with eighteen others united to form the new county of Caledonia. The history of St. Johnsbury for the next thirty years was that of many another New England town—a continual struggle and some progress.

Then, in 1831, Sir Thaddeus Fairbanks, the inventor of the first platform scale, took out his first patent and from that time St. Johnsbury dates her material growth and importance, for by nature she seems to have been designed for a manufacturing center.

A biography of Sir Thaddeus Fairbanks would be little less than a history of the town. In 1842 he, with his two brothers, founded the St. Johnsbury academy, and until 1866 sustained it; from that time until 1882 all the expense was borne by Thaddeus Fairbanks, and during this time South hall was built, costing $30,000, and also the present academy building, which cost $50,000. In 1882 the academy was endowed with $100,000, $40,000 of which was from its generous founder, and in all his gifts amounted to more than $200,000.



THE FIRST ACADEMY BUILDING.

On Sabbath day, April 14th, 1861.

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an hour before noon, a telegram announced to the citizens of St. Johnsbury the disheartening intelligence that Fort Sumter had capitulated to an armed force of the already partially established Southern Confederacy! Major Anderson, with his threescore of loyal adherents—United States soldiers—had surrendered to General G. T. Beauregard, the commander of the Confederate beleaguering forces.

This event aroused the country. On the 15th of April President Lincoln issued a proclamation calling out for immediate service 75,000 of the militia of the several states of the Union; at the same time convening an extra session of congress. The quota of Vermont, under the call, was one regiment.

On the same day, Governor Fairbanks issued a proclamation, convening an extra session of the legislature of Vermont on the 23d of April. At this session the governor was authorized to raise six special regiments for immediate service.

The people of St. Johnsbury, like others throughout the free states, felt the occasion to be momentous. It may be interesting to future residents of the town to know the action of its inhabitants while these stirring events were transpiring. Within two days after the announcement that Fort Sumter had surrendered to the rebels, a public meeting was holden in the town hall.

In response to a call Tuesday evening, April 16th upon all loyal citizens who were willing to aid in maintaining the honor, integrity, and existence of our national Union, the town hall was filled to overflowing at an early hour. The meeting was organized by the choice of Hon. A. G. Chadwick as president. Upon taking the chair the president made stirring and appropriate remarks upon the condition of our country, and our duty as good and loyal citizens. Remarks were then made by J. D. Stoddard, Esq., Rev. Thomas Kidder (who afterwards died while in military service), Hon. B. N. Davis of Danville, Hon. C. S. Dana, George C. Barney, Esq., and Dr. J. P. Bancroft of Concord, N. H., but a former resident of St. Johnsbury, Colonel George A. Merrill, R. Armington, B. B. Clark, Esq., John W. Ramsay (who was killed in the military service at Savage Station, Virginia), E. C. Redington, Esq., Hon. Moses Kittridge and others. President Lincoln's proclamation, calling for 75,000 men, and Governor Fairbanks' proclamation, convening an extra session of the legislature to take proper action in relation thereto, were read and heartily endorsed. Strong resolutions denouncing the rebels and sustaining the government were then presented and read by Hon. C. S. Dana, which were received with great enthusiasm, and then adopted. A single resolve is here given to serve as an indication of the high feeling of patriotism that prevailed:

"*Resolved*, There were tories in 1761, and there are tories in 1861, and those of to-day will go down to posterity as did those in the days of the Revolution, traitors to their country when despotism is attempting to bind the people to the car of political bondage."

At a late hour the meeting adjourned with but one feeling, and that to support the president, the constitution, and the Union.

On the evening of April 22d an-

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other patriotic meeting was holden at the town hall. The hall was filled to overflowing. Hon. C. S. Dana was chairman, and after stirring and patriotic remarks by several persons, seventy men came forward and volunteered their services, proposing to organize themselves into a company according to law and

THE FOUNTAIN, ARNOLD PARK.

hold themselves in readiness to respond to the requisition of the president of the United States for aid in suppressing the Rebellion. The following named among these seventy, actually, though not all in the same regiments, entered the service: Franklin Belknap, D. C. Haviland, Oliver W. Heyer, Hiram Hanscom, E. P. Warner, John S. Kilby, Henry G. Ely, A. E. Worthen, Charles L. Paddock, Charles Hodgdon, John P. Eddy, William E. Parish, A. O. Kidder, Albert J. Ayer, Curtis R. Crossman, Thomas Bishop, C. R. J. Kellum, John W. Ramsay, John Green, A. F. Felch, C. F. Spaulding, Henry C. Newell, Samuel W. Hall, Orren Chase, Fred E. Carpenter, John H. Hutchinson, William L. Jackson, Carlton Felch, William Norris, A. C. Armington.

Twenty-one of this number enlisted in the Third regiment, and the remaining fifteen in other branches of the service. Ten of

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the thirty-six lost their lives—five on the battle-field—two in rebel prisons, and three by disease.

uniforming and equipping and providing needful supplies for such persons as should enlist. Thirty re-

MEADE'S STATUE OF LIBERTY, COURT HOUSE PARK.

At this meeting $1,700 were pledged by different individuals for

volvers were also pledged. E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. pledged $2,000 to-

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wards a fund for the benefit of the families of recruits. The United States government, by the time our soldiers became organized, was ready to supply equipments, and the state made provision for aiding needy families of men in the service. Though these subscriptions were never called for in the form in which they were made—the state having made appropriations for the same purpose—many of them, if not all, were largely increased by contributions to soldiers and their families, and to the sanitary and Christian commissions.

Other meetings of a patriotic character were holden at a later period from time to time; but the foregoing abridged account of the two earlier ones will be sufficient to acquaint the children of the spirit which stirred the hearts of the fathers in these times that tried men's souls.

At a meeting of the citizens of the town of St. Johnsbury, holden on the 4th day of May, 1861,—duly warned by Beauman Butler, Barron Moulton, and Calvin Morrill, selectmen of the town—the following resolution, offered by J. D. Stoddard, Esq., was adopted without a dissenting voice:

"*Resolved*, That in all cases where the head of any family, or any person upon whom any family of this town shall depend for support, by voluntary enlistment as a private, musician, or non-commissioned officer, shall be mustered into service under the laws of this state, or the laws of the United States, and the sum appropriated at the extra session of the Legislature held at Montpelier, April, 1861, and the provision of Act No. 9, approved April 26, 1861, entitled an Act to provide for raising six special regiments for immediate service, shall not be sufficient to maintain and support such family, the Selectmen may and are hereby empowered to provide such additional means for the maintenance and support of such family, or families, during the absence of such person so detailed in active service. All sums so expended shall be paid by the Treasurer on orders drawn upon the treasury by the Selectmen; and the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby raised for the purpose, which sum is hereby appropriated, levied and collected, from time to time, as the same is expended, as other town taxes are."

On the same day the resolution which follows, offered by John Bacon, 2d, Esq., was also adopted, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Civil Authority of the town of St. Johnsbury, whose duty it is to make all necessary abatements of taxes, be instructed to abate all taxes assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of all persons, citizens of the town of St. Johnsbury, who shall volunteer or enlist into the active military service of the United States, and such abatements to be continued during such service."

In pursuance of a warning of the selectmen, Barron Moulton, Calvin Morrill, and J. H. Applebee, a town meeting was holden on the 27th day of August, 1862. Article two, as follows, was adopted, to wit:

"To see if the town will vote to appropriate out of the United States deposit money received from the United States by the apportionment under the last census, twenty-

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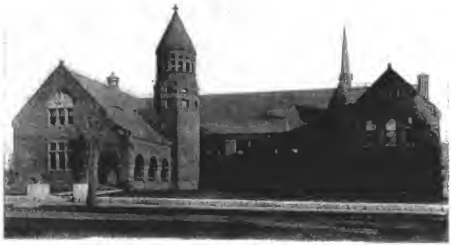
five dollars bounty to each soldier who will volunteer, and who shall be mustered into the United States service from this town, to supply the place of the number who will have to be drafted unless the town's quota is supplied by volunteers."

At the same time it was voted that if the sum thus appropriated for the purpose specified should be insufficient, the selectmen should supply the deficiency from the treasury, or by borrowing the requisite amount.



FAIRBANKS MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE.

It was also voted at this meeting to guarantee seven dollars per month additional pay to all volunteers, provided the state failed to pay this amount. The state, by an act of the legislature, paid volunteers seven dollars per month, or allowed them, upon being mustered into the service, $125 as commutation.

At a meeting of the town, duly warned by the selectmen, to provide additional bounty to volunteers, above that offered by the United States,—and holden on the 19th day of November, 1863,—on motion of Governor Erastus Fairbanks, it was voted,—

"That the Selectmen be instructed to offer a bounty of three hundred dollars to each volunteer for three years or during the war, and to pay the same when such volunteer shall have been mustered into the service of the United States."

At a town-meeting, holden on the 18th day of February, 1864, for the purpose of enlisting more men and providing means for paying them, the following resolution, presented by Hon. L. P. Poland, was passed, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That if it shall be necessary to raise any number of volunteers from the town of St. Johnsbury, in order to raise the proportion of men said town is bound to furnish under the last or future call of the President, the Selectmen of said town are instructed

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to enlist the necessary number of men, either new men, or men re-enlisted in the army, and pay them a bounty of three hundred dollars—and are authorized to draw money from the treasury of the town, or to borrow the money on the credit of the town for that purpose."

The following resolution, presented by Jonathan Ross, Esq., was also adopted at the same meeting, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Selectmen be authorized to pay the men in the field, who have or may hereafter re-enlist to the credit of St. Johnsbury, prior to March 1, 1864, to the number of forty men, the sum of $300 each, and to draw money from the treasury or borrow the money to pay the same, and if more than forty men shall so re-enlist prior to said date, then instead of the sum of $300, the said selectmen shall pay the sum due forty men pro rata to all then so re-enlisted, and that the same shall be paid on the first day of June, 1864."

It was voted to raise fifty cents on the dollar on the grand list of 1863.

The selectmen forthwith forwarded notices of the foregoing vote to officers and soldiers in the field, and under it sixty-four men re-enlisted to the credit of the town of St. Johnsbury, giving to each, under the pro rata division, the sum of $187.50 only.

At a town-meeting, warned by Calvin Morrill, Horace Paddock, and James R. Stevens, selectmen, holden August 20, 1864, to see if the town would give special instructions to the selectmen in regard to enlisting soldiers for the present and future calls, on motion of Hon. Calvin Morrill, it was

"*Resolved*, That the Selectmen be instructed to fill the quota of the town under the President's last call for 500,000 volunteers, and for that purpose they are hereby authorized to borrow money on the credit of the town."

The four great landmarks in the history of St. Johnsbury are: the invention of the platform scale and the location here of the scale works in 1831; the advent of the Passumpsic railroad in 1850, and its northern extension; the consequent location of the county buildings soon after; the projection and completion of the Portland & Ogdensburg in 1870, now the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad, which insured direct connections with the Atlantic seaboard and the great west. These great enterprises are the foundation stones of the material prosperity of St. Johnsbury. The foundation of the two national and two savings banks and the location of such important industries as Ely's Hoe and Fork Works, The Northern Lumber Co., Follansby & Peck, the Cross Bakery and Cracker Factory, McLeod's Flouring Mills, the several granite works and the installation of the

THE OLD PINE.

HENRY C. IDE.

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electric lights are important factors.

The events since the war are too recent to be made a part of this historical sketch and are left for the future historian to dwell upon, but a word should be said of the attractiveness and natural beauty of the town to-day, for surely Nature smiled when she made this spot, and her face has remained a nest of dimples ever since. Such ups and downs, such long slopes and such short slopes, such hills and such hollows, were never seen before outside a puzzle box. A Swiss lady some years ago visited this town and in a letter to the Boston *Transcript* said:

"Here I am in American Alpland. Since I left my own home, on the borders of limpid Lake Lucerne, I have not seen anything comparable to the picturesque scenery around St. Johnsbury. This village, with its environs, is one of the prettiest in New England.

"Pretty is not the exact word to qualify a scenery which combines the beautiful, the graceful, and the sublime, in mountains, wooded hills, sweet valleys, and those 'blue eyes of nature,' as Goethe calls them—the lakes—and gorgeous cloudland."

If this seems overdrawn, ascend Observatory knob, just at sunset, the hill rising abruptly a few hundred feet above the village at its western edge; sweep the landscape with the eye, and you will feel as did the immortal Whittier when he penned these beautiful lines:

"Touched by a light that hath no name,
A glory never sung,
Aloft on sky and mountain wall
Are God's great pictures hung.
How changed the summits vast and old!
No longer granite-browed,
They melt in rosy mist; the rock
Is softer than the cloud;
The valley holds its breath, no leaf
Of all its elms are twirled;
The silence of eternity
Is falling on the world."

IDE, HENRY C., son of Jacob and Ladoski (Knights) Ide, was born in Barnet, Vt., September 18, 1844. He pursued his preparatory studies at St. Johnsbury academy, and graduated from Dartmouth college with the highest honors of his class in 1866.

He was principal of St. Johnsbury academy for the two years following, when he was appointed head master of the High school of Arlington, Mass., a position which he filled until the autumn of 1869. He then began the study of law with the late Judge B. H. Steele of St. Johnsbury, and in December, 1870, he was admitted to the bar of Caledonia county. He began to practice in October, 1871, in St. Johnsbury, and in 1873 formed a partnership with Hon. H. C. Belden, which continued until 1884, when the firm was succeeded by that of Ide & Stafford. This partnership in turn was succeeded by that of Ide & Quimby, in 1890, and that was dissolved in 1892. In 1890 he was admitted to the bar of the United States supreme court. Mr. Ide has been engaged in much of the important litigation in northeastern Vermont, and he has stood in the front rank of his profession. He has been honored with many offices within the gift of his fellow-citizens.

For three years he was state's attorney for Caledonia county and

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was twice sent to the state senate, where he served as chairman of the judiciary and railroad committees, presented and secured the enactment of laws securing the property rights of married women and other important measures, and took high rank as a debater.

In 1884 he presided at the Republican state convention, and he was a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1888, and was a member of the committee on credentials.

Mr. Ide was appointed by President Harrison a commissioner on behalf of the United States, to act with others appointed by England and Germany, to settle the disputes in Samoa. Chosen by the commission as its chairman, he rendered important service in organizing, formulating, and carrying on the work of that body. In November, 1891, he resigned this appointment on account of sickness in his family, returning to this country with expressions of regret from the king of Samoa and all other officials with whom he was associated in his official duties. He also received a letter of thanks and appreciation from the president.

In 1893 he was appointed chief justice of Samoa by the three treaty powers—England, Germany, and the United States—and in October entered upon his new and important duties. He performed the duties of that responsible position for four years with a discretion and probity that won him respect and fame at home and abroad.

In March, 1900, Judge Ide was appointed by President McKinley a member of the United States Philippine commission, of which Judge W. H. Taft was president. In 1901 Judge Ide was appointed Secretary of Finance and Justice, and upon him devolved the responsibility for the monetary and financial affairs of the islands, and the work of organizing and putting into operation and supervising a system of jurisprudence suited to the complex requirements of the mixed population.

At a banquet tendered Judge Ide, in February, 1903, when departing for his vacation, by the chiefs of the various bureaus of the insular government, Gov. Taft, in a letter of regrets, expressed the following sentiments: "Everyone knows who knows anything about the commission that when one presents a question to the commission, he must reckon with the independent, clear-sighted, keenly analytic mind of Judge Ide; that Judge Ide has saved the commission from doing a good many foolish things; that Judge Ide is the watch-dog of the treasury, and has done more to keep down our expenses than all the other members of the commission together. Everyone knows that the code of civil procedure which is working so well, is wholly the work of Judge Ide: that there is no harder working commissioner than he, and that his work is solely with a view to the public interests of these islands."

Judge Ide is still a member of this Philippine commission, and Secretary of Finance and Justice.

His work in the Philippines has met with the unqualified approval of the president and of the country. The citizens of St. Johnsbury gladly welcomed the return of their distinguished townsman during his recent vacation. At Commencement,

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1903, Tufts college conferred on him the degree of LL. D., an honor which Dartmouth, his alma mater, had bestowed in 1900.

Judge Ide has been for years a director of the First National bank, a trustee of the Passumpsic Savings bank of St. Johnsbury, and a director in many other corporations.

He was united in wedlock in 1871 with Mary M., daughter of Joseph and Sophia Melcher of Stoughton, Mass., who died in 1892. Four children were born to them, Adelaide M. (deceased), Annie L., Harry J. (deceased), and Marjorie M. Ide.

TURNER, HIRAM NEWTON. The subject of this sketch was born in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, in 1839, son of Timothy Parker and Priscilla (Bullock) Turner. He

HIRAM N. TURNER.

was educated in the public schools of his native state. Endowed with an active and resolute temperament, he was impressed with the fascinations of a railroad career, and early entered that service.

From subordinate positions he

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rose successively, having been traveling agent of the Worcester and Nashua railroad, manager of the Quebec, Ottawa, and New England Air Line, general freight agent of the Boston and Lowell railroad; and later general traffic manager of the same system.

He had occupied these executive positions with conspicuous success, when in 1889, in his fiftieth year, he stepped aside from the path in which he had so steadily mounted, and turned his attention to manufacturing.

With most men this radical departure would have been a dangerous, if not a disastrous, experiment, but the mastery of details, foresight, and knowledge of men and affairs which Mr. Turner had acquired in his railroad experience, has won him equal success in his new field, as manager and a director of the E. and T. Fairbanks company, scale manufactory of St. Johnsbury. Mr. Turner has added several important new products of manufacture in addition to the general scale business.

While promoting the financial interests of this great corporation, he has always taken a cordial and abiding interest in the well being of its faithful employés, now more than one thousand men, as was recently shown by reducing the working day from ten to nine hours and formerly by granting semi-monthly payments.

He has taken a loyal interest in promoting the material interests of St. Johnsbury, and he was formerly president of the St. Johnsbury board of trade. He is now a director of the Concord and Montreal railroad.

In politics a zealous Republican, he has not sought or accepted public office.

He was joined in marriage with Miss Ellen Brewster of Whitefield, New Hampshire, in 1861. The record of Mr. Turner's life is an object lesson of push, enterprise, and integrity, and his influence in his town and section has ever been a potent factor for moral and material progress.

BOWMAN, NATHAN PARISH, was born in Westford, Chittenden county, Vermont, August 24th, 1822, the eldest son of William and Betsey (Parish) Bowman. Major N. P. Bowman represents stanch patriotic stock; his first paternal ancestor, Nathaniel Bowman, came to Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1639. His great-grandfather, John Bowman, was one of the embattled farmers who "fired the shot heard round the world at Lexington." His father, William Bowman, fought at Plattsburg in the War of 1812, and he made a most honorable record as a defender of the Union. Ebenezer Bowman came to Westford, near Burlington, about 1685, cleared up a hill farm of about 300 acres, and reared his family of children, one of whom was William, father of the subject of this sketch.

William Bowman was a sturdy, industrious farmer, a generous, free-hearted man, a liberal donor to every good cause, and for many years a deacon of the Congregational church. His father, Ebenezer, was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and he was a disciple of the school of Andrew Jackson, although for many years a Free Soiler from principle. His home was one of the stations of the famous "Underground Railroad," which aided in the escape of

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negroes from slavery, and it is a source of pleasure and pride to Nathan that on several occasions he was a conductor on that road.

His mother, Betsey Parish, a woman of remarkable force of character, was a daughter of Captain Nathan Parish, of whom the major is a namesake. At an early age he conceived a strong desire to obtain a liberal education, and improved to the utmost the limited advantages afforded by the common schools, and two terms of academic training. He taught six terms of school, "boarded around," and read some valuable lessons in the book of human nature, but did not go to college. In September, 1846, he married Charlotte, third daughter of Colonel Nathaniel Wheatley of East Brookfield, Vermont. Up to that time he had lived and worked on the paternal farm, and then at the age of twenty-five he bought an adjoining farm, and with his parents carried on both farms in common for five years. He then became agent for a farmers' store, which he conducted two years, when he resigned, having been unexpectedly elected by a small majority high sheriff of Chittenden county, by a coalition of the Democrats and Free Soilers. The prohibitory law, or "Maine Liquor law," so called, had just been enacted and Burlington was a wide-open saloon town, with a large Canadian population. The first seizure under the new law in Vermont was made by the farmer-boy sheriff, N. P. Bowman, the respondent being a wealthy saloon-keeper, who had retained Phelps & Chittenden to defend him, and who proposed to defend his property at the muzzle of the revolver. Sheriff Bowman made a large and successful seizure, spilled the liquor, and as it ran down the gutter several thirsty "sons of Erin" drank, were filled, and promptly arrested and fined. He was reëlected by a handsome majority, again unanimously renominated by the three parties, through a part of three administrations. In 1862 he enlisted in the First Vermont cavalry, but before he was mustered he was appointed

NATHAN P. BOWMAN.

by President Lincoln United States paymaster of the department of North Carolina, headquarters at Newburn, with the rank of major. While there an epidemic of yellow fever broke out which caused a stampede, but this resolute man remained at his post of duty and attended the sick until he was stricken with the same loathsome disease, and was sent to the hospital. After

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a partial convalescence he returned to his post and remained until ill health compelled him to resign, in March, 1865.

Major Bowman removed to St. Johnsbury in 1869. He was appointed superintendent of a cotton plantation near Newburn. Two years later, in company with others, he engaged extensively in planting cotton, acting as superintendent of the enterprise at a salary of $3,000 per annum. He invested all that he possessed, and some borrowed money in the enterprise, planted 1,200 acres of cotton, and 300 of corn, with a fine outlook for an immense and profitable crop, until one dark Sunday morning, when a twenty-four hours' downpour and heavy east winds from the ocean flooded most of his cotton two fathoms deep. Major Bowman settled up the bills and returned to St. Johnsbury in debt.

In 1869 he formed a partnership with George S. Shaw in the insurance business, which they conducted extensively and successfully seven years, when Mr. Shaw sold his interest to Rev. E. D. Hopkins, who absconded with several thousand dollars of the firm's money. Mr. Bowman captured him and he was convicted, but forfeited his bonds. Major Bowman continued in the insurance business, at the instance of George Shaw, taking in his son, Walter, as a partner. The latter absconded with a thousand dollars of company money and has never returned. Major Bowman was for several years proprietor of the St. Johnsbury brick yard, with his son, Thomas H., manager, but sold out, and during the past dozen years has retired from active business.

In 1887 he was appointed postmaster of St. Johnsbury and acceptably filled that position five years. Major Bowman represented the town of Brighton in the legislature in 1862, served as assistant judge of Caledonia county court in 1875-'76, was a candidate for congress on the Democratic ticket, and also for lieutenant-governor; was candidate for elector on the Hancock ticket in 1880, and was a delegate-at-large to the Democratic national convention of 1880.

In the I. O. O. F., he has held all of the offices in the order, from treasurer to that of grand master, the last in 1885. He was made a Master Mason in 1852, and has held all of the offices in the Grand lodge of Vermont, from junior deacon to that of grand master, in 1876-'77; and also in the Grand encampment to that of deputy grand commander. He has the distinction of being the only man who has ever been grand master of both the great fraternities in this state. He is also past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and a past commander of Chamberlain post, Grand Army of the Republic. He is a trustee of the Vermont Soldiers' home at Bennington.

The children of N. P. and Charlotte Bowman are Harlan (deceased), Charles P. (of Sioux City, Iowa), Thomas H. (of San Bernadino, California), and Nellie (deceased). Mrs. Bowman died in 1883.

He married in 1885 Mrs. Rosalie Denison Hall, widow of the late Hon. Harley M. Hall of Burke, a most estimable lady. Major Bowman is an interesting speaker at public functions, for the spirit of youth hinders the features of age

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and he will never become an old man.

CALDERWOOD, CHARLES A., is locally well known as the popular undertaker and furniture merchant of Railroad street, but is widely and favorably known in Masonic circles as a distinguished official of the

CHARLES A. CALDERWOOD.

craft. He is of Scotch-Irish lineage. His father, David Calderwood, came from Scotland at twenty years of age and settled in Greensboro, where Charles was born, July 22d, 1849. His mother, Eliza C. Scott, was a member of that numerous and energetic family, well known in this section. Charles was one of a family of seven children, four of whom are living.

He formed a powerful and well-balanced physique and exemplary character in the wholesome duties and labors of farm life on the paternal homestead, where his minority was spent. He attended the People's academy of Morrisville, and tested his attainments and his knowledge of human nature by teaching several terms of school. He began his mercantile career as a dry goods clerk in his native village, with B. S. Wilson, and later clerked

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two years at Wells River. In October, 1875, he came to St. Johnsbury, bought Mr. Burnham's interest in the furniture business of Tisdale & Burnham, and has been continuously engaged in the furniture and undertaker business ever since, in Odd Fellows' block, during the past fifteen years as sole proprietor.

Mr. Calderwood utilizes more than seven thousand feet of floor space with his varied and extensive stock. The first floor contains the main salesroom and office, a fine line of samples, and a handsome stock of parlor suites and house furnishing goods. An ample stock of undertaker's goods, from the plainest to the most elaborate, is displayed.

Mr. Calderwood is a practical embalmer of many years' experience and a graceful funeral director. By the exercise of the sterling qualities of industry and energy, and by keeping absolute faith with the public, he has built up an excellent business.

He has served two years at different periods as a trustee of the village of St. Johnsbury. He is one of the most eminent Masons of the state, having passed all of the chairs of Passumpsic lodge, Haswell Royal Arch chapter, and Palestine commandery, a past worthy patron of Eastern Star chapter, and past thrice illustrious master of the Grand council. He is also past grand high priest of the Grand chapter, grand generalissimo of the Grand commandery of Vermont, grand senior warden of the Grand lodge, and a 33° Mason.

He is a member of Caledonia lodge, I. O. O. F.

C. A. Calderwood married Ida May, daughter of Jabez and Sophia Pinney of Greensboro, Vermont, November 18th, 1873. Three sons have blessed their union, Charles Sherman (who assists his father in business), Clarence Ray (a cadet at Norwich university), and Alvi Pinney (a student at St. Johnsbury academy).

A Republican of independent tendencies and outspoken convictions, Mr. Calderwood has taken an active part in the local affairs of St. Johnsbury.

CARR, FRANK N., son of Martin W. and Margaret (Howe) Carr, was born in Lunenburg, Vermont, in 1856. His early boyhood was spent in his native town, and at fifteen years of age he came to St. Johnsbury, where he has since resided.

He was in the employ of E. L. Hovey eight years, four years in the Fairbanks' scale works, and later drove their grocery store team two years. In the fall of 1886 he bought one half of the Avenue stable, in company with William Russell. One year later the latter sold his interest to W. N. Randall, and Carr and Randall were in the business four years, since which time F. N. Carr has been sole proprietor.

He began business here with five horses; he now keeps twenty-eight, and runs the largest and one of the best equipped stables in northern Vermont.

Mr. Carr has owned several notable horses, among the number A. S. L. and Henry's Girl. He now owns the Lambert Hastings farm of 240 acres at Paddock village, a valuable feeder for his stable.

F. N. Carr and Gilman Brothers have recently erected a handsome livery stable, with all of the modern

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appointments, and with a capacity of twenty-five horses, in the rear of the St. Johnsbury House.

Mr. Carr's genial manners and reputation for fair dealing have won him personal popularity, and his judgment and energy have commanded financial success. He is

FRANK N. CARR.

serving his fourth term as village trustee. He was the nominee of the high license Republicans, endorsed by the Democrats, for senator of Caledonia county, at the last election, and ran largely ahead of his ticket, receiving a majority of the votes in St. Johnsbury.

Frank N. Carr married in 1879 Clara, daughter of Frank Temple of Lunenburg. They have a family of four children, Alice, Lelia and Leslie, twins, and Harry A. Carr.

ROWELL, L. W., St. Johnsbury, Vermont. The subject of this sketch, Levi W. Rowell, was born in Gorham, New Hampshire, his parents being William and Belinda (Rogers) Rowell. His father was a descendant from the early colonial settlers of New England, and was of English extraction. His great-great-grandfather on his father's side had three cousins who fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. (His mother, who was a Rogers, was in the direct line of descendants from the Pilgrims who came over on the *Mayflower*.)

At the age of five years Mr. Rowell removed with his parents to Lancaster, New Hampshire, where he was educated in the public schools and the Lancaster academy. He served his apprenticeship in the Coös *Republican* office, and at the beginning of his third year's apprenticeship he was placed in charge of the mechanical department of the office.

Every description of printing at that time was done on a hand-press, and some of Mr. Rowell's specimens thus executed would compare very favorably with similar work turned out in the model offices of the present day. It required great skill and painstaking in those days to produce good printing. All stock was cut by hand with a common shoemaker's knife, placing it upon a cutting-board, resting upon the floor, with a beveled straight-edge to guide the course of the knife, and all books, pamphlets, etc., had to be trimmed in the same manner. The printer of to-day can better imagine than he would care to realize what it would mean to cut up fifty or sixty thousand hand-bills or fliers in this way, to say nothing of "pulling them off" on a hand-press one at a time.

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After completing his apprenticeship Mr. Rowell removed to Lebanon, New Hampshire, and assumed the publication of the *Granite State Free Press*, under the editorship of Hon. George S. Towle, which position he held for about two years, when the plant was purchased by Hon. E. H. Cheney. He remained with Mr. Cheney until 1862, when he removed to Littleton, New Hampshire, and purchased the Littleton *Journal*, which was soon afterward consolidated with the *Granite State Free Press*.

LEVI W. ROWELL.

After conducting a general book and job printing and stationery business, in connection with the agency of the Western Union Telegraph and the United States and Canada Express companies, for about one year, he established the Littleton *Gazette*. Soon after this he sold the *Gazette* to the *White Mountain Republic*, and the two papers were consolidated.

He then removed to Newport, Vermont, and entered the *Express* and *Standard* office. From here he soon returned to his "old love," the *Free Press*, at Lebanon, New Hampshire, where he remained until 1869, when he removed to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and entered the *Times* office. Shortly after this the *Times* was purchased by Dr. G. B. Bullard and Hon. W. W. Grout, and from this time until the purchase of the plant by A. A. Earl, Mr. Rowell was local editor and general manager of the *Times*.

In 1873 Mr. Rowell purchased the book and job department of the *Times* office and established the St. Johnsbury *Advertiser*, a monthly publication, and since that time, with the exception of about eighteen months, which he spent in the state printing office in Concord, New Hampshire, and in Boston, he has conducted a publishing and general book and job printing business in St. Johnsbury.

Since he began business in St. Johnsbury there have been four newspaper and three job printing offices established and discontinued, and to-day there is neither a publisher or printer in the city who was in business when he began in 1873.

He enjoys the well-earned reputation of being one of the best artistic and all-round printers in northern New England. He has always been a leader in his profession, and the craft have been greatly benefited by the originality and neatness of the work which he has put before the public.

Mr. Rowell married Fannie T. Estabrook of West Lebanon, New Hampshire, daughter of Alanson and Electa Estabrook, descendants of the earliest and most respected settlers of that section of New Eng-

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land. He has two daughters, Georgie Lena and Winifred, who have been liberally educated in the St. Johnsbury academy, Burdett's Business college, and the Lowell School of Design in Boston.

Mr. Rowell is a faithful student of current events; is an excellent newspaper correspondent; is interested in every movement for the betterment of mankind, and always ready to assist in any movement for the local interests of his city and town. He is a member of the South Congregational church and many fraternal and social organizations, including the Masonic, Order of the Eastern Star, Modern Woodmen of America, Junior Order of American Mechanics, United Order of the Golden Cross, Mystic club, and other similar orders.

HILL, Guy W. The Old Bay state was the nursery of the paternal ancestry of the Hills. The great-grandfather of Guy W. Hill came from there more than a century ago and settled in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, whence his grandfather, Cyrus T. Hill, moved to Waterford, and later to the fine upland farm near the Connecticut river, which for half a century has been the family home. Here Guy W. was born, April 26th, 1878, and it was the scene of his youthful sports and labors. His father, Willard C. Hill, is a well-to-do farmer, and his mother was Hannah, daughter of John P. Weeks of Danville.

At the age of fifteen Guy W. entered St. Johnsbury academy, made an excellent record, and graduated in the class of '97 with honors. He commenced reading law the following November in the office of Dunnett & Slack, completed his studies with Bates, May, & Simonds, and was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Vermont, with high rank, in October, 1901. While pursuing his legal studies, Mr. Hill taught school and did whatever came to hand to defray his contingent expenses.

Soon after his admission to the bar, he located in his present commodious office in the Merchants' Bank block, 47 Railroad street.

GUY W. HILL.

Rarely has a young lawyer during his second year of practice secured so ample a clientage and scored the success achieved by Mr. Hill, as evidenced by the court records. Mr. Hill seems to possess the essential qualifications of a successful jury advocate.

FARNHAM, Lambert H. The grandparents of the subject of this sketch, Eben Farnham and wife, came into St. Johnsbury as pio-

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neers more than a century ago from Walpole, N. H., built a log house and settled on the side hill near the town "poor farm." Amariah Farnham was born there, but afterwards settled on a farm near Stiles pond, in the town of Waterford, where Lambert H. was born in 1851. After serving an apprenticeship at the tinman's trade with D. W. Hibbard, at West Concord, he went to California and pursued his trade several years at remunerative wages. In 1878 he returned to Vermont, married Miss Jennie Eldridge of Minnesota, made his home on the paternal farm at Waterford, and was employed by the Fairbanks Co. eleven years, and became foreman of their tin shop.

RESIDENCE OF LAMBERT H. FARNHAM.

In the spring of 1892 the firm of Farnham & Albee was formed, and they put a stock of hardware into the J. C. Taylor store, at Summerville. Finding this store inadequate for their increasing trade, in January, 1893, they bought the Grange store and stock of F. V. Powers and put in a stock of hardware, stoves, and tinware, plumbing, steam and hot water fitting goods, and agricultural implements.

The increase in their business has been phenomenal; it has more than quadrupled during the decade, and their sale of agricultural implements is probably the largest in northern Vermont. This fact is the best exponent of the sterling integrity, tireless energy, and business

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sagacity of L. H. Farnham and H. R. Albee.

Mr. Farnham has charge of the books, and in a general way of the

LAMBERT H. FARNHAM.

purchases and sales, and is recognized as a genial, popular, and reliable salesman. He is a member and past master of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M., of West Concord; also a member of Hazewell chapter, Palestine commandery, Mizpah Lodge of Perfection, and Mt. Sinai temple. Mr. Farnham is a charter member of the N. E. O. P., an Odd Fellow, and a member of the local Rebekahs and Eastern Star. He was unanimously elected a member of the board of village trustees, and is serving his fourth term, for the past three terms as chairman and clerk of the board.

His administration of village affairs has been marked by many public improvements, and at the same time by the extinction of the village debt.

Mrs. Farnham died in 1896, leaving one daughter, Ina May, a student at the academy. Mr. Farnham married June 30, 1903, Mrs. Della C. Robinson Lee, formerly of West Concord, but for several years a resident of Boston.

ALBEE, HENRY R. Henry R., son of Cyrus S. and Cynthia (Cobb) Albee, was born in Morgan, Vt., in 1832. He was one of a family of eight children, which included two pairs of twins.

He was reared upon a farm, and received only the training of the common schools, and the ofttimes more effective training of the school of daily life.

HENRY R. ALBEE.

He married Miss Mary E. Ruiter in 1876, and for ten years was actively engaged in farming in Holland. He then removed to St.

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Johnsbury, and engaged with E. and T. Fairbanks, for several years as night watchman, but later in the machine shop.

Since the formation of the firm of Farnham & Albee, the latter has had the care of the extensive outside operations of the firm, which had developed from the employment of one assistant, until at present from six to twelve men are constantly employed, and the plumbing business covers a radius of fifty miles. The firm has located more than one hundred steam and hot water heaters, employing experts in each specialty.

They have built an annex to the store, 36 by 48 feet, two stories, and basement, have thoroughly refitted the store, including plumbing and electric lights, and have also added a new four-ton Fairbanks platform scale. Mr. Albee was for several years on the police force, and is a familiar figure in social life. He is a prominent member of the N. E. O. P., an I. O. O. F., and a thirty-second degree Mason.

Mrs. Albee died in 1889, leaving one daughter, Helen, a teacher in Massachusetts. Mr. Albee married Mrs. George Randall of St. Johnsbury in 1890.

BARTLETT, HARRY A. The genial freight agent of St. Johnsbury has a wide acquaintance in this section, and all of his acquaintances are friends. He was born in St. Johnsbury in 1864, the only son of Jarvis and Lydia (Allen) Bartlett. Jarvis Bartlett was a native of Newbury, born in 1830, came to St. Johnsbury in 1850, in the employ of the Passumpsic railroad, and as engineer ran the first train to Barton. He engaged in the meat and provision trade in 1860, in company with A. M. Cook, and conducted the grocery and provision business until seven years before his death, in 1899.

Mr. Bartlett was a trustee of the village, a Knight Templer of Palestine commandery, and was universally respected and beloved for his integrity and benevolence.

Harry A. was educated in the public schools and academy of St.

JARVIS BARTLETT.

Johnsbury. After serving four years in the drug store of W. A. Sias, he learned and followed the trade of stone-cutter with Carrick Bros. several years. He entered the freight office of the Boston & Maine railroad in 1889, and his services were so efficient that he was appointed freight agent three years later, which position he still acceptably occupies.

The remarkable increase of

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Jonathan Rose

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freight business is shown by the fact that the force in the office and in the shed has increased from seven to twenty-five men.

The week ending June 27, Fairbanks Co. shipped forty-four carloads of freight.

H. A. Bartlett married Miss Gertrude S. Brown in 1885. He was a member of the fire department ten years and also assistant engineer.

Mr. Bartlett has an excellent social and business standing, and is a prominent member and grand secretary of the Grand lodge, N. E. O. P., of Vermont. He has passed all the chairs of Passumpsic lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M., and Haswell chapter, and is a K. T. of Palestine commandery.

GILMAN BROS. Fred D. and Daniel T. Gilman are good types of the Vermont farm-bred business man. As wholesale and retail dealers in team horses and hay they fill an important sphere of usefulnss, and fill it well.

The bike has had its day,
The horse is here to stay,
And Gilmans sell the hay.

F. D. and D. T. Gilman are sons of Nathan H. and Mary J. (Darling) Gilman.

They remained on the paternal farm in Barnet until 1891, when they sold it and removed to St. Johnsbury and soon after bought the livery stable near Miller and Ryan's factory, conducted the same for one year, more than doubling the business and the stock, when they sold the stock to Ellery Clark. Since then they have been largely and increasingly engaged in the sale of team horses and hay. They buy horses by the car-load, largely in Missouri and Iowa, and sell to the farmers and business men of this section. Gilman Bros. are recognized as good judges and care-takers of horses. The public have learned to depend on their judgment and fairness, and they now handle from 300 to 500 horses annually, many being bartered for smaller horses and other farm stock. In 1901 they built a new stable, 45 by 90 feet, with entire basement, which gives them ample facilities for their horses and cattle. The same year they bought their present residence. They own forty acres of land in or near this village, forty near Passumpsic, and several hundred in North Danville, and last year cut about 150 tons of hay. They are wholesale and retail dealers in hay and straw, baled and loose.

F. D. Gilman married Sadie Roberts of Danville and they have one son, Paul W.

Mrs. Daniel T. Gilman was formerly Nellie Hoyt of Wheelock, and the little daughter is Aline.

ROSS, JONATHAN. This name has long been regarded by the people of Vermont as a synonym for moral worth, judicial acumen, and the highest civic virtues.

Jonathan Ross was born in Waterford, Vermont, April 30, 1826, son of Royal and Eliza Mason Ross. The paternal grandfather of Judge Ross moved to Waterford from Massachusetts in or about the year 1795. He cleared away the forest and cultivated a farm, on which he supported himself, wife, and a family of six children, of whom Royal, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the second son.

Jonathan Ross received an excellent common school education, fit-

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ted for college in the St. Johnsbury academy, and graduated from Dartmouth college in 1851. During his minority his summers were occupied in the cultivation of the paternal acres, and his winters between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five, in teaching in the public schools of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. In this pursuit he achieved decided success. After graduating from college, he was for several years principal of the academy at Croftsbury, Vermont, and of the one at Chelsea, Vermont. While residing in that town he entered the office of Judge William Hebard for the study of law and he was admitted to the bar of Orange county in January, 1856. The same year he formed a partnership with A. J. Willard, Esq., of St. Johnsbury, which continued two years.

He then practised by himself until 1865, when G. A. Burbank, Esq., became a partner during one year, and later W. P. Smith sustained the same relation until 1870, when Mr. Ross was elected a judge of the supreme court of Vermont. From 1858 to 1868 he was the efficient treasurer of the Passumpsic Savings bank. In 1862-'63 he was state's attorney for Caledonia county. In 1865-'66-'67 he was the representative of St. Johnsbury in the legislature and served on the judiciary and other important committees. He was for some years before 1870 an influential member of the state board of education. In 1869 was a member of the last council of censors held in the state.

In 1870 was elected to the state senate, and the same year was elected sixth assistant judge of the supreme court. In 1890 he was elected chief judge of the supreme court, which position he worthily filled until January 11, 1899, when he was appointed by Governor E. C. Smith United States senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Hon. Justin S. Morrill.

A distinguishing characteristic of Judge Ross was his promptness and capacity for work. When appointed to the senate, he started the next day for the capital, leaving no unfinished judicial business in arrears.

Judge Ross, almost from the first, exercised an important influence in that august body, an instance almost unprecedented, and in a speech of masterly grasp and logic pointed out the relations of the new possessions to the national government, and the policy of the administration was based on that theory.

He was one of four candidates for the senatorship before the legislature. He was appointed by Governor W. W. Stickney chairman of the board of railroad commissioners in 1900, and filled that position with rare ability two years, when he refused a reappointment, and retired to the practice of his profession at St. Johnsbury.

Judge Ross is the connecting link of two generations of public men in Vermont, representing the stanch integrity and the progressive activity of both, and his great influence has always been exerted on the side of morality and temperance. Mr. Ross was united in marriage in 1852 with Eliza Ann, daughter of Isaiah and Caroline (Bugbee) Carpenter. Eight children were born to them, Caroline C. (deceased), Eliza M. Helen (deceased), Julia (Mrs. Dr. Aldrich of Somerville, Massachusetts), Martha (Mrs. John W. Tit-

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comb), Edith (Mrs. Charles W. Braley), Edward Harlan, and Jonathan C. Ross (deceased).

Mrs. Ross, who was a sister of Judge Alonzo P. Carpenter of the New Hampshire supreme court, died some years since, and Judge Ross married for his second wife, Mrs. Helen Daggett, a relative of his first wife and a former well-known teacher.

ROSS, DR. EDWARD H., is the only living son of Hon. Jonathan and Eliza (Carpenter) Ross, and was born in St. Johnsbury in 1864. He graduated in 1882 from St. Johnsbury academy and from Dartmouth college, with the degree of A. B., in 1886.

After teaching one year in the well-known Kimball Union academy of Meriden, New Hampshire, he was engaged as a teacher in the Brewster Free academy at Wolfeborough, New Hampshire, at its organization, and filled that position one year. Having decided to adopt the profession of medicine, he took the full medical course at Dartmouth, and graduated in 1891. Dr. Ross inherits from a stanch ancestry a well-balanced mental and physical constitution and he is essentially a student as well as a practitioner of medicine.

The year following his medical graduation was spent in St. Elizabeth hospital, Boston, an institution devoted to the treatment of the diseases of women, and later he was assistant physician for five months in Dr. Jefferson's private hospital at Lowell, Massachusetts.

Dr. Ross settled in practice in his native town in 1892. Two years later he married Miss Nellie O. Hersey of Wolfeborough, New Hampshire. Two children have been born to them, Ralph Hersey, and Helen Carpenter. Dr. Ross is located at 84 Main street, and pursues an active practice, his specialty being gynecology and surgery. He is an esteemed member of Passumpsic lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M.; also of the Vermont Medical society and of the pension board of Caledonia county.

DR. EDWARD H. ROSS.

Dr. E. H. Ross is "to the manor born," a good type of the scholarly physician and loyal citizen, and is especially identified with the interests of Brightlook hospital.

LEWIS, WARREN C. It has been the rare privilege of the subject of this sketch to sit on the knee of his grandfather, Jonathan Lewis, and hear him relate the inspiring story of Bunker Hill and Saratoga, in which battles he fought. Jonathan Lewis was a pioneer and the

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first town clerk of Kirby, Vermont, and one of the earliest settlers of West Concord, then an unbroken wilderness. Warren C. was one of the nine children of Jonathan Lewis, Jr., a venerable citizen of that town, who died in 1877 in his ninetieth year. After attaining his majority, Warren obtained an academic education, and became a successful teacher.

WARREN C. LEWIS.

"He doffed with ease the scholar's gown,
To peddle wares from town to town;
And through the long vacations' reach,
In lonely lowland district teach."

He peddled watches and jewelry several years and secured the nucleus for future enterprises. He intended to become a civil engineer, but embraced an opportunity to engage in the lumber business with D. P. Hall and M. and C. Hill, and later by himself at West Concord. During more than twenty-five years he was the leading surveyor of the town of Concord, and is still engaged in that line. He was also a director and a large owner in the West Concord woolen mills.

W. C. Lewis married Miss Mehetable B. Frye of West Concord, who died in 1878, and his second wife was Mrs. Annette A. Frye Burroughs, also of West Concord. In 1882 he moved to St. Johnsbury and bought his present residence and adjoining lands in the village of Summerville, from which he has sold off building lots for more than his original purchase cost. Meanwhile he has conducted extensive farming on his pretty homestead, and also the business of fire insurance. For nearly thirty years he has been a trusted agent of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company, and for nine years a director. Mr. Lewis has been a Free Mason for more than forty years. He is esteemed as a man of kindly impulses and exemplary life, and has been financially successful.

BROWN, EDWARD F., son of Edward B. and Lucy (Risley) Brown, was born in Berlin, Vermont, in 1819, the seventh of a family of eleven children. His father was a millwright and house carpenter by trade, and the marks of his handiwork are visible in many private and public buildings in that section. E. F. Brown and his four brothers received only the advantages of a common school training and assisted their father at his trade until they became of age, when they struck out in the world for themselves.

Edward F. came to St. Johnsbury

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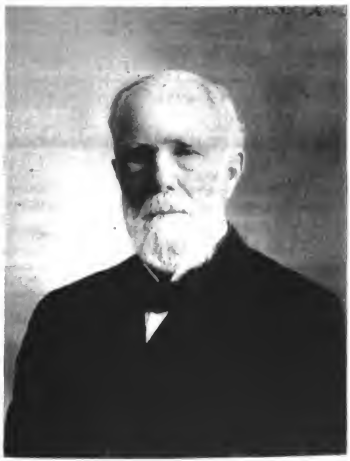
in August, 1841, at the age of twenty-one, and entered the store of Shed & Jewett, which stood on the site of Colonel T. C. Fletcher's residence, at that time, and for ten years following the only store on St. Johnsbury Plain.



EDWARD F. BROWN.

His capital consisted of a suit of homespun cloth, a Spanish milled dollar, still in his possession, now 104 years old, good principles, willing hands, and a stout heart. His salary was $75 per year and board, with an addition of twenty-five dollars a year for four years.

Soon after he came to St. Johnsbury his employers sent him to Boston to buy goods for loading a six-horse team, which made a semi-annual trip, consuming about four weeks. The regular stage to Boston, via Concord and Nashua, was four days.

Moses Kittridge was then postmaster at the Plains, where a tri-weekly mail was received by a two-

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horse stage running from Danville to Littleton. The postage was from six to twenty-five cents, according to distance sent.

In 1845 Mr. Brown went into company with Ephraim Jewett, for five years, but remained fifteen years. Meanwhile, in 1849, Jewett & Brown built their large store on the site now occupied by Brooks, Tyler and company. At that time the site of the court-house was occupied by the old village burying-ground, but the county buildings were moved here from Danville, soon after the advent of the Passumpsic railroad in 1850. Danville bank was then the only one in Caledonia county. The same year Mr. Brown built his house, corner of Summer and Central streets, buying the lot, twelve rods by six, for $100 of Thaddeus Fairbanks.

Mr. Brown continued in trade successfully almost fifty years on Main street, during the last ten years with his son, F. N. Brown as a partner. The latter is a popular and successful general merchant located in Brown's block. E. F. Brown's half century of mercantile life and that of his son and successor, covers the entire period of the active growth of St. Johnsbury. E. F. Brown sold goods to Joseph Fairbanks, grandfather of Rev. E. T. Fairbanks and Professor Henry Fairbanks.

His benevolence and high integrity won the confidence and esteem of all, while his industry and good judgment have been rewarded with financial success, and he is a large real estate owner in St. Johnsbury. Mr. Brown has been actively interested in local affairs, was foreman of Engine company, Deluge No. 2, and later for several years chief engineer of the fire department. He has been a director of the Passumpsic Savings bank for more than thirty years. In politics a Republican since the formation of the party, and in religious belief and support an ardent Universalist, his moral influence has ever been true and helpful. He was one of the village trustees for ten years.

In 1846 Mr. Brown married Abbey, youngest daughter of Captain Nathaniel Proctor of Montpelier, and five children were born to them, Katie R., Florence P., Gracie, Frank Newton, and Abbey Proctor Brown (now Mrs. A. R. Brooks). He married for his second wife Mrs. Lizzie Robinson Clark, widow of Captain John Clark, of Lunenburg, at West Newton, Massachusetts, in 1871. E. F. Brown has not outgrown the enthusiasms of youth, speaks ably and fluently in public when occasion calls, and carries his eighty-four years bravely. He still is a director of the Passumpsic Savings bank and attends promptly and well to his business affairs. He is the earliest and oldest of St. Johnsbury's pioneer business men.

STILES, TRUMAN RANSOM, M. D. There are very few physicians in Vermont who are as widely and favorably known in both the public and professional capacity as Dr. T. R. Stiles, for his practice has covered a wide range in Caledonia county, and he has held many important public positions. His parents were James W. and Hannah A. (Howe) Stiles, long-time residents of Stowe, Vermont, where the subject of this sketch was born, in 1847. After attending the High school of his native village, at seventeen years

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of age he became a clerk in a drug store at Waterbury, Vermont, where he remained three years, and began reading medicine with Dr. Horace Fales.

He continued his medical studies with Dr. B. F. Sutton of Stowe, and in Sheffield, and after a residence of ten years removed to Barnet, where he remained seven years, attending at both places to an extensive practice.

He was already well known when he came to St. Johnsbury in 1887,

THUMAN R. STILES, M. D.

graduated from the medical department of U. V. M. in 1869.

Later he took brief post-graduate courses, and during the winter of 1901 took the full course at the post-graduate school of New York city. In the fall of 1869 he settled where he has continued in active practice until the present, and was for several years proprietor of a drug store.

Dr. Stiles has been a member of the United States pension board of Caledonia county continuously for

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twenty years, except a period of four or five years during the administration of President Cleveland, most of the time as secretary or acting secretary, and during the past six years as president.

He has been a director and for the past seven years president of the Caledonia County Agricultural society, during which period a debt of more than $3,000 has been raised and the buildings and grounds put in good condition. He has been village trustee and superintendent of the village water-works, and is a director of the Merchants' National bank and a member of the state board of health.

Dr. Stiles is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and a Knight of Pythias, and has passed all of the chairs of the local bodies of the two last named societies.

He was a member of the legislature of 1898 from St. Johnsbury, was chairman of the committee on public health, and a member on the committee for the insane. It was largely due to his personal efforts that the bill providing for the state laboratory was passed and he also presented and championed the bill providing for the examination of physicians practising in the state.

Elected a senator from Caledonia county in 1902, he was chairman of the committee on public health, a member of several other committees, drafted several important measures presented by himself and others, and took an active part in the general discussions of the senate.

Truman R. Stiles married Abbie A. Jenness of Sheffield in 1870. Their two sons are Don C. (a merchant in the line of druggists' sundries, patent medicines, and stationery, located on Railroad street) and Ned C. The latter is a graduate M. D. of U. V. M., of the class of '99; also a post-graduate of Tufts Medical college, and of the Kline School of Optics of Boston. Mrs. Stiles died in April, 1900.

Dr. Stiles married Miss Elizabeth A. Derick of Sherbrooke in 1901, and their little daughter is named Charlotte Hilda.

ANDREW FOLSOM.

FOLSOM, ANDREW. As a locomotive engineer and hotel man, Andrew Folsom has a wide circle of acquaintances and friends. He was born in Barton, Vt., forty years ago, the eldest son of the seven children of James and Elizabeth (Morgan) Folsom.

Orphaned at eight years of age by his father's death, he was put out to service with a farmer in Sutton, where he received only limit-

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ed common school advantages but learned to "hoe his own row" in life. Naturally active and ingenious, at fifteen years of age he began to learn the trade of stationary engineer, which he followed about five years, when he entered the employ of the St. J. & L. C. R. R., first as fireman, and two years later became locomotive engineer, which position he has filled since. In 1902 he leased the Avenue House for one year. In January, 1903, he leased the Union House, which he is still conducting. The Union House is a handsome modern hotel on Railroad street, within two minutes walk of the railroad station.. With neat, cozy rooms, steam heat, electric lights and excellent table, the house is well patronized by those who appreciate good service and a quiet home-like stopping place at moderate rates, as well as by the numerous friends of the genial proprietor.

Mr. Folsom also owns a half interest in a farm at Bar Harbor, Me., near the famous fishing grounds of Frenchmen's bay, where his family spends a portion of the summer.

Andrew Folsom married Estella, daughter of H. R. and Dorcas N. Pratt of Concord, Vt., in 1885. They have one son, Henry A. Mr. Folsom is a member of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M., also of Haswell chapter, Caledonia council, Palestine commandery, and Mount Sinai temple.

HOVEY, Captain Edwin L. "There's a divinity that shapes our ends rough hew them as we may." The experience of Captain Hovey has frequently illustrated this Shakespearian aphorism. Impulsive and yet tenacious in his purpose his career has been interesting and even romantic, and he is in some sense a man of destiny. He is best known as the "Father of Summerville."

Edwin L. was one of the six sons of William Hovey, and was born in Waterford sixty-four years ago. At nineteen years of age he left the farm and fitted for college at St. Johnsbury academy. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He had just completed his sophomore year at Dartmouth college with a good standing when the second call for troops came. At a war meeting held at the Waterford town house, Hovey enlisted, with the proviso that the town's quota should be filled then and there, which was done. He entered Company K, Fifteenth regiment, as a private. One evening while ruminating on hardtack and tough beef, and the lost opportunities of college life, he was summoned to the tent of Colonel Proctor, who addressed him in double bass tones: "You are recommended as fit for a *small* office; I appoint you sergeant-major of the regiment." Visions of officer's mess and shoulder straps danced before him, and they were realized, for he returned as first lieutenant of Company I. His title of captain was afterwards obtained in the Vermont militia.

After his service had expired Hovey packed his grip to return to college, and when he stopped to say good-by to his sister, Armenia, and her husband, Stephen Richardson, the latter offered one half of his farm so cheaply that Hovey bought it on the spot, and bade adieu to college life. He married Ella, daughter of John P. Carr of Water-

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ford, in 1864, and settled down to farming.

After several lucky real estate ventures, he bought the Tobins Lester and the Armington farms—some 800 acres—and sold them four years later at a handsome advance. He then bought a printing plant for $5,000, and founded the *St. Johnsbury Times*, which he conducted successfully one year, with Arthur Ropes as general editor, and then sold the paper and list to Dr. Bullard for $8,000. He then bought the Summerville sawmill with one of the $2,000 notes. In the fall of 1870 he bought eighteen acres of land, east of the schoolhouse, of W. True for $3,000, and the wise ones predicted his failure. Here was elbow room for enterprise. He laid out Lafayette, Lincoln, Liberty, American, and East streets, and went to work. For sixteen years he sawed a half million feet of lumber annually, using a considerable portion of it in his extensive building operations. During this period he built about thirty houses.

E. L. Hovey's name was the second on the charter of Green Mountain grange, No. 1, the first grange founded in New England. He was at three different periods owner of the Grange store, always doing a good business, and selling at an advance.

In January, 1890, in company with B. G. Howe, he bought a tract of eighty acres, including Harris hill, of Edwin Harris, for $8,000; a year later bought out his partner's interest, and soon sold enough lots to pay for the original purchase.

Mr. Hovey has built or rebuilt all the stores on Portland street, besides nearly fifty dwellings. He was engaged in the meat business several years, on Railroad street, and is an intensive and an extensive farmer. Mrs. Hovey died in 1870. He married Miss Sarah Hutchins of St. Johnsbury in 1873, and they have a spacious residence on Lafayette street.

Mr. Hovey has been a leading member of the State grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is a prominent member and past commander of Chamberlain post, Grand Army of the Republic.

He has repeatedly served as lister, selectman, and grand juror, and was for three years an efficient member of the school board of St. Johnsbury. He has been a justice of the peace more than a score of years, and a member of both the town and county Republican committees. Mr. Hovey has never used any alcohol stimulants, or tobacco, was never sick a day in his life, and is in the mature prime of manhood.

Mrs. Ella Carr Hovey died in 1871.

By this marriage are three daughters, Edith L. (wife of John Moore of St. Johnsbury), Mabel F. (wife of E. P. Carpenter of Waterford), and Ella E.

Captain Hovey married Sarah F. Hutchins in 1873. Mrs. Hovey is past department president of the W. R. C. of Vermont.

There are two daughters by this marriage, Bertha E. (Mrs. David H. Macomber of Independence, Iowa), and Grace G. Hovey.

FLINT, RICHARD B. This worthy gentleman and veteran landlord came to Railroad street as a pioneer, contemporaneous with the Passumpsic railroad, fifty-two years ago, when there was only one or two

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primitive houses here. As a youth he helped plant the acorn, and as a hale and hearty veteran of seventy-eight he rejoices in the shade of the mighty oak; he sees a long, handsome, prosperous street, with fine residences and magnificent blocks, "arise as by the stroke of an enchanter's wand." His grandfather, James Flint, was a soldier of the Revolution, and a pioneer settler in

RICHARD B. FLINT.

Randolph, who married Jerusha Lillie. His father, Joel Flint, fought as a Yankee volunteer at Plattsburg, and was a long time blacksmith in Walden, where R. B. was born in 1825. His mother was Hulda Hawes, and he was the youngest and now the only survivor of a family of five children. Mr. Flint's youth and early manhood was spent in his native town, where he conducted a blacksmith shop, also a shoe shop, and served the town two years as constable and collector. In 1850 Russell Hallett built on the site of Lougee Brothers' and Smythe's store, the building which is now occupied by D. Frechette, and in the ground floor of this building R. B. Flint and L. C. Woodbury started a grocery store and eating saloon, and were the first merchants on the street.

Mr. Flint also started the first livery stable and the first meat market, and built the slaughter house near Portland street bridge. In 1852 he purchased the Cottage hotel lot, paying for the same a horse, valued at $200. That year he built his house, 22x28 feet, two stories, which he used many years as a residence, but which has since by degrees grown into the Cottage hotel, 50x70 feet, and three stories high.

For nearly thirty years Mr. Flint conducted this hotel, and during this time never sold a glass of liquor to a guest, always maintaining a good table, a good reputation, and a good financial standing, an emphatic refutation of the statement that "a landlord can't make a living unless he sells rum." Mr. Flint was widely known as a skilful connaisseur of good horses, and was a good horseman, and has many years exhibited fine roadsters on the fair grounds. During the war he bought, as a government agent, 253 horses, all but one being accepted, and took them on to Washington, every one arriving in prime condition. He has fitted and sold many good ones at rising prices. In 1857 R. B. Flint married Marcialine M. Hopkins of Montpelier, a lady of fine social gifts and a true helpmeet.

Two children now living, Willis D. and Ella M. (Mrs. D. C.

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Horner of St. Johnsbury). Mr. Horner is well known in Masonic circles and as a thorough mechanic and the superintendent of the tool department of Fairbanks' works. Mrs. Horner has resided with her parents, and is favorably known, not only to guests of the Cottage hotel, but as a prominent member and district deputy grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Flint have for many years been esteemed members of the South Congregational church, and have a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

CHAPMAN, CHARLES A., son of William A. and Elizabeth (Morrill) Chapman, was born in East St. Johnsbury, August 11th, 1873. He comes of strong New England stock. His maternal grandfather was Hon. Calvin Morrill, an early and prominent merchant and public man of East St. Johnsbury. His paternal grandfather, David Chapman, came from Danville to East St. Johnsbury, where he was a blacksmith several years, and in the later fifties bought the Morrill store and engaged in trade, first as senior partner of the firm of Chapman & Bill, and later with his son, William A., as Chapman & Son.

William A. Chapman enlisted in Company K, Fifteenth Vermont regiment, Colonel Redfield Proctor; was elected lieutenant, later promoted captain, and honorably discharged with his regiment. After his return from the tented field, Captain Chapman continued in trade many years at East St. Johnsbury and died there in 1887.

Charles A. Chapman was educated in the public schools and at St. Johnsbury academy. In 1893 he commenced the printing business on a small scale at the old store in his native village, and a year later located in the armory building at St. Johnsbury, where he continued this business four years. He then leased the old opera house and was its manager until the fire of 1897, after which for several years he assisted Landlords Doyle and Black

CHARLES A. CHAPMAN.

in bill posting and advertising. During the past year he has been manager of the Howe opera house, and after a successful season has recently secured an indefinite renewal of his lease.

He does a general theatrical business, engaging lecturers, theaters, etc., and the character and value of the amusements here largely depends upon his discretion. He makes touring engagements for such well-known organizations as Sousa's

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band, the Kilties, and Denman Thompson's company.

Mr. Chapman married in 1896 Miss Elsie M. Shaw of Fall River, Massachusetts. Mr. Chapman is a member of Apollo lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, and was formerly captain of E. B. Frost camp, No. 18, S. of V. He resides at No. 11 Belvidere street. Mr. Chapman from early boyhood has evinced an unusual interest and taste for dramatic and theatrical representations and has presented entertainments of a high order, well adapted to the taste of the St. Johnsbury public.

PREVOST, CHARLES ARSENE, M. D. Dr. Prevost comes of stanch Canadian stock. His father, Jules Prevost, is now a citizen of St. Johnsbury, and his mother, Adelaide Bossonnault, was a sister of Father J. A. Bassonnault of this town. C. A. Prevost was born in Lacadie parish, P. Q., in 1863. His mother died when he was nine years of age, and a maternal uncle, Rev. Charles Bossonnault, provided for his education, which was obtained at College Bourget, at Rigaud, Canada, where he graduated in 1887 with the degree of A. B.

He soon commenced the study of medicine at the School of Medicine and Surgery at Montreal, P. Q., where he graduated in 1891 with the degrees of M. D. and C. M.

He first located at Barre, Vt., where he met with a favorable reception, but six months later decided to settle in St. Johnsbury, where he was already somewhat acquainted, and where a better opportunity awaited him.

He purchased the business of Dr. G. Goyett and was soon engaged in an extensive and lucrative practice. The following year he was a victim of the disastrous fire on Railroad street, where he lost nearly all of his effects, without insurance.

In 1892 he married Marie Descoteux of Montreal, who died in April, 1897, leaving three little daughters, Bernadette, Germaine, and Marie. The same year he completed his elegant residence at 130 Railroad street, which contains his commodious office, an excellent library, and all needed appliances.

CHARLES A. PREVOST, M. D.

Dr. Prevost is a member and examining physician of the Catholic Order of Forresters, the St. Jean Baptiste society, and the Modern Woodmen of America, the subordinate bodies located at St. Johnsbury. He is also a member of the Vermont Medical society.

Endowed with fine musical talent and considerable executive ability, Dr. Prevost has given liberally of

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his time and means for the organization of his countrymen and cultivation of music. He enjoys a good social and professional standing in his adopted town.

FRECHETTE, DAVID. The subject of this sketch is an excellent type of the enterprising, patriotic, French-Americans who have cast their lot in St. Johnsbury. Born in 1847, in the parish of Maskinonge, P. Q., he was reared upon a farm, and received a common school education. His mother died when he was ten years old. At the age of sixteen he went to Keesville, N. Y., to make his home with an uncle. The next year he enlisted as a soldier of the Union in the Fifty-sixth Massachusetts regiment, Ninth corps, received his baptism of fire at Pigram Farm, shared the fortunes of his regiment at Weldon railroad and at Grant's grand advance on Richmond and Petersburg, and was honorably discharged with his regiment at the close of the war. After visiting his relatives, he spent some two years in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and later resided seven years in Fair Haven, Vt. He came to St. Johnsbury in 1875, and has resided here ever since. He was employed by Rev. J. A. Bossonnault several years as a teacher and in other capacities. He engaged in trade with his oldest son, D. S. Frechette, in January, 1893, in the line of groceries, meats, and provisions, at 95 Railroad street, where he still continues.

During the past few years he has conducted the business alone, discontinuing the sale of meat. Mr. Frechette is noted for his sterling integrity, and his unfailing courtesy to all, and has a good business standing. He has officiated as notary public for more than a dozen years and five years as justice of peace.

Mr. Frechette affiliates with St. Jean Baptiste society and Chamberlain post, No. 1, G. A. R. In 1867 he married Rosalie Gregoire, at Phoenix, R. I., and eleven children have been born to them, only four of whom are living: David S., a provision merchant at Newmarket, N. H., Joseph P., who assists his father in the business, Mary A., and Arthur.

ALLEN, JOHN M., M. D. Dr. J. M. Allen was born in St. Johnsbury in 1868. His father, David S. Allen, was for many years an employé at Fairbanks' scale works, and his mother was formerly Abbie Alvord.

After graduating from St. Johnsbury academy in 1884, one of a class of sixty-eight, the largest ever graduated, J. M. Allen worked several years as a clerk in the post-office and in other capacities, thus acquiring the means to complete his education. He began reading medicine with the late Dr. Gates B. Bullard, and later entered the medical department of U. V. M., from which he graduated in the class of '90, and a year later graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical college of New York.

He was acting superintendent of Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington for six months, during the illness of Dr. Andrews, the superintendent. In October, 1891, he located at St. Johnsbury, with his office in Republican block. He married in April, 1893, Miss Winnifred D. Hall of St. Johnsbury, and bought his residence and office at 21 Railroad street. Dr. Allen is a

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member of the Vermont State and White Mountain Medical societies, and American Medical association.

Desiring to secure the best possible equipment, in the fall of 1897 he spent four months in the hospitals of London and Paris under special instructors, and in the spring of 1898 took a course in surgery and diseases of women in the Post-graduate Medical college of New York city, and he has made a successful specialty of the practice of surgery. He is medical examiner for the United Commercial Travelers, and a dozen or more leading life insurance companies. He is a member of the board of United States pension examiners of Caledonia county, and was a member of the examining board for enlisted volunteers for the Spanish war. Dr. Allen was the pioneer in interesting physicians and business men in the project of founding Brightlook hospital. He is a member of the N. E. O. P., Passumpsic lodge, No. 27, F. and A. M., Hoswell chapter, Royal Arch, and Palestine commandery, Knights Templar; also of Mount Sinai tem-

JOHN M. ALLEN, M. D.

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ple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Montpelier.

WARD, JOHN G., son of Dr. George W. and Emma M. (Gilman) Ward, was born in St. Johnsbury in 1878. Dr. George W. Ward is well known in this section as a successful veterinary surgeon and horse breeder, and is at present located at Newport, Vermont, as government inspector of live stock, at five points of entry. John G. began in early boyhood to assist his father and to study and observe practical veterinary work, and for the past eight years has practised, either with his father or by himself, and at present has a large and increasing patronage in this section.

He is a veterinary by birth and training, a practical man. His home and office is in Summerville, near the Ely works, where his father was in practice many years. The veterinary practice is steadily increasing, and the practitioner is regarded with favor and esteem as an indispensable factor in the community. Mr. Ward married Miss Lizzie Blair of Canada.

BOISSONNAULT, REV. J. A. Rev. Father S. Danielou took charge of the Catholic parish of St. Johnsbury in 1858. The people had hitherto enjoyed only occasional religious services, led by Fathers Drolet, Maloney, and O'Reilly, as missionaries. Father Danielou completed the old church, built the first rectory, and bought the Catholic cemetery in Summerville. He also started the building now used as a boys' school. In 1874 Father Boissonnault was appointed pastor of "Our Lady of Victory" church, St. Johnsbury.

During his first year he completed the boys' school building. To facilitate the further development of the school, the commercial department will be transferred in September of this year to St. Agnes' hall, under the care of the reverend brothers of St. Gabriel, Montreal, who are already well and favorably known in St. Johnsbury. In 1876 he bought ground for a Catholic cemetery, and the same year built the church at Lyndonville, and installed the chime of three bells in the home church on the Fourth of July. This was the first chime located in the state of Vermont.

In 1877 the Sisters of Charity came to St. Johnsbury and lent their devoted efforts to the church work. In June, 1878, the pastor purchased a residence for the nuns on Cherry street. In September, 1879, the reverend sisters of the Congregation de Notre-Dame, Montreal, assumed the direction of the school. During the summer of 1882 the present convent building was erected at a cost of about $25,000.

The spacious residence which the priest now occupies was purchased in February, 1884.

During the twenty-nine years of his pastorate, Father Boissonnault has spent nearly $200,000 upon buildings and real estate, for church purposes.

Rev. L. Marceau, from the Quebec diocese, has been associated as curate with Father Boissonnault since 1888. In him the pastor has always found an able and zealous assistant in all that concerns the welfare of his people. Father Marceau has charge of the missions depending on St. Johnsbury. In 1899 he built churches in Greensboro, Victory, and Granby.

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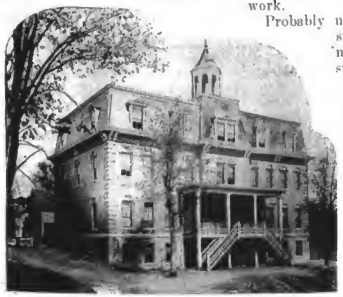
This brief outline of the material improvement is an index of the numerical growth and spiritual uplift of the church. The number of families has doubled and there have been more than 3,500 baptisms.



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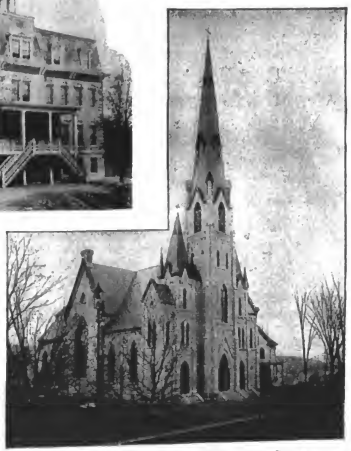
Rev. J. A. Boissonnault was born at St. Valentine, P. Q., in 1841, graduated from the Montreal college in 1863, and the same year began his theological studies.

After his ordination in 1866, he was named assistant pastor at Sault au Recollet, and in 1869 came to Vermont, taking charge of the new congregation at Rutland. Later he was appointed rector at Fairhaven, which comprised the missions of Castleton, Orwell, Shoreham, and Proctorsville. During that time he built churches at Fairhaven and Shoreham. His latest great work of beneficeence was the founding and erection of the St. Johnsbury hospital, an elaborate brick structure, costing about $20,000. The hospital is in charge of the Sisters of Providence, Montreal, whose careful training for hospital work counts for the success which crowns their work.

Probably no other man in this state with his limited means has ever been instrumental in providing so many resources for church, charitable, and educational work as Father Boissonnault. His influence has ever been a tower of strength in the cause of temperance and moral-



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ity, and he is held in the highest esteem by all our citizens.

ALDRICH, WALTER J., is a prominent member of that coterie of well-read, active, and public-spirited St. Johnsbury physicians, in the early prime of life, all of whom are animated by sentiments of mutual respect and helpfulness. His ancestors are of English descent. He was born in Lyman, New Hamp-

WALTER J. ALDRICH, M. D.

shire, in 1866, son of Albert H. and Ruia (Tucker) Aldrich.

In the wholesome experience of his farm home he formed a sturdy constitution, habits of energy and perseverance, and a determination to secure a thorough education. He worked his way through Littleton (New Hamp-shire) High school, and then took a course in St. Johnsbury academy, graduating in 1888. After studying medicine for a time with Dr. J. D. Folsom, he entered Dartmouth Medical college, where he remained during the winter of 1889-'90.

In the fall of 1890 he entered Bellevue college, from which he graduated in 1893, and in March of the same year located in St. Johnsbury. He has made a specialty of obstetrics and diseases of women, and has built up a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Aldrich possesses those prime requisites of the successful physician, thorough professional training, a sound physique, and an optimistic temperament, and the habit of careful attention to his cases. He is health officer of the village and town of St. Johnsbury.

In the organizing of the County Medical society to affiliate with the state society, he was chosen secretary.

Dr. W. J. Aldrich was married in 1893 to Flora M., youngest daughter of Dr. J. D. Folsom, and one son, James Folsom Aldrich, is the fruit of their union.

DUNNETT, ALEXANDER, son of Andrew and Christiana (Galbraith) Dunnett, was born in Peacham in 1852. Alexander Dunnett is a thoroughbred Scotchman, turned Yankee. He is a descendant of adventurous Norsemen mariners, whose seat was Dunnett Head, the most northern point of Scotland, a precipitous headland, crowned by a lighthouse whose sides are often lashed by the tempestuous waves dashing mountains high through the channel separating the mainland from the Orkney Isles. Their family crest is significant—a fox on a rock—their motto, "Nom Tena sed Aquis."

Andrew Dunnett came to America from his native Scotland in

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1842; a few years later married Christiana, daughter of George Galbraith of Barnet, settled for a few years on a farm in Peacham and later at West Newbury. He was a moderately well-to-do farmer, a great Bible student, and not unskilled in theological polemics, and an elder in the Reformed Presbyterian church at South Ryegate, where the family moved when Alexander was fourteen years old. John Galbraith, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a "Scotch Laird," who came to America before the Revolution and purchased a large tract of land in Sutton and in Barnet, near Endrick brook, named by him. Here he stayed for a time alone, waiting for a break in the Revolutionary lines through which he could return to Scotland, frequently visited by the Indians.

ALEXANDER DUNNETT.

Alexander Dunnett began the study of law with Hon. N. L. Boyden of Randolph, completed his professional studies at Boston Univer-

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sity Law school, and was admitted to practice at the bar of Orange county at the June term, 1877.

During these years he enjoyed the wholesome experience of teaching several terms of winter school. He began the practice of his profession at South Ryegate, and three years later was appointed Master in Chancery. In 1883 he removed to St. Johnsbury, where he entered into partnership with Hon. A. F. Nichols, which connection subsisted three years. Since 1896 he has had L. P. Slack as a partner.

As a lawyer Mr. Dunnett possesses a keen analysis which seizes and illuminates the salient points of his case, tireless energy and persistence in trial, united with a forceful and original presentation of both law and evidence. He has become especially prominent as an all around lawyer, with a large practice at nisi prius as well as before the supreme court. He was state's attorney of Caledonia county from 1886 to 1890. He was for several years town superintendent of schools of Ryegate and has served as moderator many years in that town and St. Johnsbury. He has taken the stump as a political orator in every campaign since he was admitted to the bar, has attended as a delegate most of the state and district conventions, was for several years chairman of the Caledonia County Republican committee, and also of the Republican state convention of 1900.

His growth in ability and influence has been constant at the bar and in the political forum. He served with distinction in 1900 as a senator from Caledonia county, was chairman of the general committee, a member of the judiciary committee and a potential factor in the work of the session.

Liberal in his religious beliefs and his social affinities, Mr. Dunnett enjoys a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He has been Master Wells River, High Priest of Haswell chapter, R. A. M., and is a Knight Templar.

Mr. Dunnett married in April, 1879, Ella J., daughter of James and Anna C. White, who died in 1881. December, 1884, he married Sarah M., daughter of Silas M. and Harriett Town of Barre, who passed away in 1888. He contracted a third alliance with Mrs. Ella Chalmers, widow of Rev. John R. Chalmers of St. Johnsbury, in April, 1890.

SLACK, LEIGHTON P., son of Joel B. and Mary (Fullam) Slack, was born in Woodstock, Vermont, June 18, 1867. He is a descendant from William Slack, who came to Massachusetts from Yorkshire, England, in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Through his father's mother, Prudence Bartlett, he traces his ancestry to Josiah Bartlett of Declaration of Independence fame. His maternal ancestry is directly traceable to Hon. Francis Fullam, who moved to Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1683 from Fullam Place, near London, England, and was for many years a judge of the superior colonial court of Massachusetts and for seventeen years a member of the colonial legislature of the same colony.

He received his early education in the common schools of his native town and at Black River academy at Ludlow, Vermont; studied law with Hon. S. C. Shurtleff and Judge M.

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E. Smilie, at Montpelier; was admitted to the bar of this state at the October term, 1892, and two years later to the district and circuit courts of the United States. During his years in the academy and while pursuing his legal studies, he taught

LEIGHTON P. SLACK.

school successfully in various towns in Windham and Washington counties. Soon after his admission to the bar he located in Barre, where he formed a partnership with Frank J. Martin, Esq., of that city. This arrangement continued until May, 1895, when he moved to St. Johnsbury and formed the partnership with Hon. Alexander Dunnett, which still exists. The firm of Dunnett & Slack is one of the leading law firms of the state, and enjoys an extensive practice in both the state and federal courts. Mr. Slack is a careful, studious, and painstaking lawyer; thorough in the investigation and preparation of his cases, and frank and candid with his clients and with the court. During his term as state's attorney of Caledonia county,—from 1898 to 1900,—he won the confidence

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and admiration of all law abiding people by his thorough and fearless enforcement of the law. During this term he prepared the first indictment, under our so-called Bucket-Shop law, ever sustained by the supreme court of the state. The appreciation of his services was shown by the almost universal demand for his reëlection. This he, however, declined, in order that he might devote his entire time to the general practice of his chosen profession.

He married in August, 1894, Estelle H., daughter of W. H. H. and Emily Mears of Marshfield, Vermont. She died in April, 1896. He contracted a second alliance July 11th, 1899, with Leah E. Mears, a sister of his former wife. They have one child, Ruth Estelle. In his religious views he is a Congregationalist, and is a member of the North Congregational church of St. Johnsbury. He is a past chancellor of Apollo lodge, Knights of Pythias, a member of the Grand lodge of Vermont, and of the Grand Tribune of the latter body. He is also a member of Passumpsic lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M.; Haswell chapter, No. 11, of Royal Arch Masons; Palestine Commandery and the Mystic Shrine. He is at present high priest of Haswell chapter.

STAFFORD, WENDELL PHILLIPS, son of Frank and Sarah (Noyes) Stafford, was born at Barre, Vermont, May 1, 1861. His grandfather, John Stevens Stafford, was an active and original abolitionist, and his father cherished the same principles, and was an ardent admirer of the great apostle of freedom for whom his son was named. Wendell graduated from Barre academy in 1878, and from St. Johnsbury academy in 1880, and three years later graduated with the rank of *cum laude* from the law department of Boston university. With Hon. Henry C. Ide he formed in 1884 the firm of Ide & Stafford, which continued until 1890, after which he practised alone.

He married Miss Florence S. Goss, daughter of John and Martha (Sinclair) Goss, in February, 1886, at St. Johnsbury, where he has resided since May, 1879. In 1892 he was elected to the legislature from St. Johnsbury, on a citizens' ticket, after a spirited canvass, and served in that body as a member of the judiciary committee and advocated weekly payments and municipal suffrage for women. He was reporter of the decisions of the supreme court of Vermont from December, 1896, to July, 1900, and as such edited the 69th, 70th, and 71st volumes of Vermont Reports. He was president of the Vermont Bar association 1898-1899.

In June, 1900, he was a candidate for the Republican nomination to congress in the second district convention. He was appointed a judge of the supreme court of Vermont July 2, 1900, and has continued to fill that position by successive elections. He delivered the oration at the unveiling of the statue of Robert Burns at Barre, Vermont, July 21, 1899, was a speaker at the banquet of the Republican club in New York in February, 1902, and has lectured frequently in Vermont and occasionally in Boston and New York. There have been two children of said marriage, a son, Edward, born September 11, 1889, still living: a son, Robert Sinclair,

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WENDELL P. STAFFORD.

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born September 20, 1894, who died May 24, 1901.

HOWE, HARLAND BRADLEY, son of Worcester C. and Rosaline (Bradley) Howe, was born in St. Johnsbury, February 19th, 1873. He was born and until he was thirteen years of age lived on the Abner Bradley farm, the homestead of his grandfather Bradley, near St. Johnsbury Center. In 1886 his father, who was a harness-maker by trade, moved from the farm to Lyndonville. Harland attended the graded school of Lyndonville and graduated from the commercial course of Lyndon institute under Principal Walter E. Ranger. Soon after he sustained an attack of fever, which left him in somewhat impaired health. Unable to follow the trade of harness-making, which he had learned, in accordance with his mother's wishes, he began reading law with George W. Cohoon, Esq., of Lyndonville. He entered the law department of the University of Michigan in October, 1891, and remained one year. His funds being exhausted he made an engagement with Hon. Henry C. Ide as an assistant in his law office, where he opened a collection agency and obtained the means which enabled him to return to the university, in October, 1893, where he completed his legal studies and graduated in June, 1894, receiving the degree of LL. B. His legal education was obtained by his own unaided efforts. He was admitted to the Vermont bar in October, 1894, and began practice the following November in St. Johnsbury. He soon gained a reputation as a skilful and aggressive trial lawyer and his clientage has steadily increased.

He is a Democrat in politics. He married in 1900 Miss Maybelle Jane Kelsey of St. Johnsbury. They have one daughter, Josephine Elizabeth.

CRAMTON, CHARLES AUGUSTUS, M. D., son of Dr. Josiah O. and Charlotte E. (Ward) Cramton, was born at Winooski, Vermont, July, 1872. His father was a prominent physician and an operating surgeon at Mary Fletcher hospital, Burlington.

He was graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont in 1893, and during the two following years was house surgeon at Mary Fletcher hospital, an eminently practical experience. He then went to Europe and took post-graduate courses at St. Thomas and St. Bartholomew hospitals, London, and Hospital Laraboisure of Paris.

He has also taken courses at the Post-graduate college of New York city and Baltimore and has become especially proficient in diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat.

Dr. Cramton settled in St. Johnsbury in August, 1894, and soon began a successful and extensive practice.

He is official examiner for several leading life insurance companies and a member of the U. S. pension board for Caledonia county, being the specialist for the eye and ear. He is a member of the Caledonia County and of the State Medical societies. Dr. Cramton married Gertrude Horton Howe, in July, 1895. They have three children, Gertrude, Marjorie, and Edward Allen.

BATES, HON. HENRY CLAY, was born in Derby, Vermont, January 29, 1843, and received his educa-

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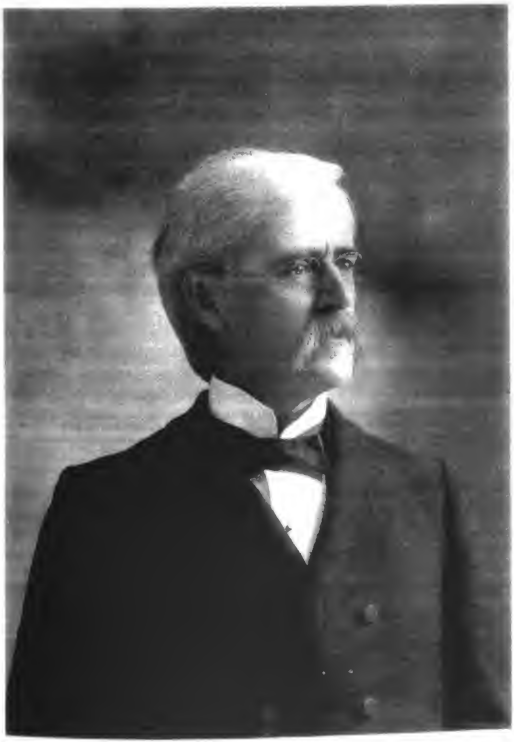

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tion in the public schools of his native town.

When the war broke out he enlisted as a private in Company C, Fourth Massachusetts Heavy artillery. Returning from the service he took up the study of law in the office of Edwards & Dickerman at Newport. After his admission to the bar he practised for a short time at West Concord and later at Guildhall. In 1873 he located in St. Johnsbury, and a few years later formed a partnership with Elisha May, Esq., which continued until the spring of 1901, when he received an appointment on the bench in the Philippine islands. Judge Bates possesses an unusually acute and logical mind and is a man of rare judgment in the application of legal principles and has the gift of clear and forcible statement and has gained a foremost place at the Vermont bar.

He is an old line staunch Republican. In 1880-'82 he was state's attorney for Caledonia county and again in 1892-'94. Was senator from Caledonia county in 1886-'87-'88-'89. During the first term he served as chairman of the committee on rules and a member of the judiciary committee, and during the second term was president pro tem. of the senate. In 1896 he represented St. Johnsbury in the general assembly and was recognized as a leader of the house, and in 1898 was elected lieutenant-governor of Vermont.

In the early spring of 1901 he took his departure for the Philippines to fill an important judicial position which he has done with great credit, not only to himself and Vermont but to the American people.

CARR, WILLIAM HENRY, son of John P. and Fanny A. (Woods) Carr, was born in Waterford, Vermont, in 1848. John Carr came from southern New Hampshire to Waterford early in the last century and settled on the farm now owned by A. Daniels, which he cleared and there reared a large family, of whom John P. was the eldest son, and remained on the farm. John P. Carr was an industrious and enterprising farmer and cattle dealer, an esteemed and prominent citizen of Waterford. He purchased and united his father's farm and that of his father-in-law, Captain Ebenezer Woods, and built the present excellent farm buildings. He reared a family of eight children, four of whom are now living. William H. Carr graduated from St. Johnsbury academy in 1869, and entered Dartmouth college in the class of 1873. After attending one year he was called home by the premature death of his father, and during the decade ensuing the care of the farm and of the family largely devolved upon him. Meanwhile for several years he taught in high schools and academies. He was an early and prominent member of Green Mountain grange, No. 1, and an organizing deputy of the National Grange, P. of H.

Mr. Carr came to St. Johnsbury in 1880, and entered the Fairbanks Scale Works, where he remained twenty years, and was working in the sealing department on contract when ill health in 1900 compelled him to change his occupation. He soon after bought the stock of goods at the Hovey store, corner of Portland street and Concord avenue, where he is doing a thriving business in the line of choice family

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groceries and provisions. Mr. Carr enjoys a wide and intimate acquaintance, both among the townspeople and the farmers of this vicinity, with whom he is doing a very considerable barter trade on favorable terms.

Although a man of affairs, he has always been a student, has collected an excellent and standard private library, and is unusually well informed in literature, science, and current affairs. Naturally retiring in his habits, he has avoided rather than sought public office.

In 1878 he married Natio Bishop, a scion of a prominent family, whose ancestor fought with Ethan Allen in the Montreal campaign.

They have three children: Nellie J., a graduate of St. Johnsbury academy and a student of Boston Conservatory of Music, Arthur B., and Walter P. Carr. For a third of a century Mr. Carr has been a member of Passumpsic lodge, F. & A. M., and is also a member of Haswell chapter.

BAILEY, ALDEN LEE. The subject of this sketch is widely and favorably known as one of the most extensive dealers in musical merchandise in northern New England and is an excellent type of the self-made Vermonter.

He was born May 31, 1845. Early bereft of both his parents, his father dying before he reached his third year, and his mother when he was only nine years old, he found a home with an uncle, a farmer, with whom he lived until he reached his majority.

His common school education was supplemented by several terms at Compton academy. His opportunities were well improved and he early formed those habits of industry, energy, and self-reliance that have won him marked success in wider fields of effort.

Starting at his minority without capital, he had nothing to lose but everything to win, and his ambition

ALDEN L. BAILEY.

and will power were invincible. He was employed for a time in the Fairbanks Scale Works, where he saved a modest sum that became the nucleus of future enterprises. He opened a music store in a small way in St. Johnsbury, and later moved to his well-known stand, corner of Railroad street and Eastern avenue, where he has been located for about thirty years, doing a constantly expanding business. He has six well-

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equipped music stores in Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York state, twenty traveling salesmen, and is now conducting the most extensive music business north of Boston. He was one of the founders and early directors of the Citizens' National bank, and is now its honored president.

His business tact, foresight, and sound judgment have been an important factor in securing the marked prosperity of the bank.

Mr. Bailey has a faculty of originality and invention, having secured several patents, notably a uniform hose coupler, and a hose fastener. He is actively interested and public spirited in all movements for the moral and material improvement of St. Johnsbury. He has been for many years a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and superintendent of its Sunday-school, and a frequent delegate to denominational conventions. An enthusiastic Republican, he has never aspired to public office. Alden L. Bailey married in 1871 Lucy A., daughter of William and Elmira B. Lynn of St. Johnsbury. They have one daughter, Rose Lynn Bailey.

FARNHAM, HERBERT A., adopted son of Lorenzo D. and Harriett F. Farnham, was born in Sutton, Vermont, in 1859. His father was a Union soldier and died in Andersonville prison.

Herbert early learned to depend upon his own resources and his boyhood and youth were spent in the labors of the farm and in attendance upon the district schools in the towns of Walden and St Johnsbury. Later, as he was able to provide the means, he attended the academies of Hardwick and St. Johnsbury. He found, as many others have done a congenial resource in teaching, and a stepping-stone in his own literary and legal training, and successfully taught fourteen terms of school.

He began reading law with Bates & May in 1889, and was admitted to the bar in October, 1894. During the summer of 1895 he found congenial employment as the representative of a firm of school-book publishers.

He opened an office in the Merchants' bank building and in 1896 formed with David Porter, Esq., the law firm of Farnham & Porter, which existed three years. Since that time Mr. Farnham has continued to practice alone, with an increasing clientage and a good professional standing. He was admitted to practice in the United States district and circuit courts in 1899.

He was a member of Company D, Vermont National Guard, of St. Johnsbury, seven years, during which time he was promoted from private to second lieutenant. He affiliates with Passumpsic lodge, F. & A. M.

H. A. Farnham married, in 1896, Elizabeth, daughter of A. H. Noyes, and their fireside is cheered by two sons, Paul Noyes, and Lorenzo Dow Farnham.

WETHERBEE, WILLIAM, son of Ira and Sally Chase Wetherbee, was born in Concord, Vermont, in 1851. Ira Wetherbee was the youngest of a family of the fifteen children of Jackson Wetherbee and came to Concord during his minority, where he continued to reside until his death in 1892. He was an indus-

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trious and skilful carpenter and mechanic, traveled several years in the west for the Fairbanks company, built half a dozen or more houses in West Concord and several in that vicinity; was in trade there nearly twenty years, and was highly esteemed as a neighbor and citizen. Sally Chase Wetherbee was one of the twenty children of Archibald Chase, and was a woman of unusual energy. William Wetherbee

WILLIAM WETHERBEE.

inherited many of the characteristics of a stanch ancestry, and withal a vein of humor and droll wit, united with an optimistic good nature, that has always been equal to every emergency.

He received a fair education in the village schools and learned the carpenter and joiner's trade of his father. He participated with hilarity and vim in the local sports of the period at West Concord, and was the bright particular star on the dramatic stage in any rôle of comedy. His genius for comedy was displayed at Music hall in the drama, "Battle of Gettysburg."

Mr. Wetherbee married Edna G., daughter of Mason Hall of West Concord in 1873, and in 1880 moved to St. Johnsbury and entered the employ of the Fairbanks and soon became foreman of the planing mill and saw shop. He has continued in this employment until the present, with the exception of a year or two spent in Pasadena, California, and has been foreman of the lumber yard during the past dozen years. Mr. Wetherbee became a Mason in 1883 and his abilities and good fellowship have won him unusual distinction in the work of the craft.

He has passed all of the chairs of Passumpsic lodge, Haswell chapter, Caledonia council, and Palestine commandery, of which he is at present eminent commander. For twenty-three years Mr. Wetherbee has been a member of the Knights of Honor and was for several years grand dictator of the state of Vermont and later supreme representative of the Grand lodge of Vermont to the Supreme lodge of Knights of Honor at Nashville, Detroit, and Buffalo. In politics he is an independent Democrat and a Universalist in religious belief.

SULLOWAY, LORENZO, son of Lorenzo and Sabra (Campbell) Sulloway, was born in Wheelock, Vermont, July 17, 1839. After receiving such educational training as the public schools could offer, he spent several years as a commercial traveler, representing an evaporator company.

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Returning to Wheelock in 1870, he formed a partnership in trade with B. F. Taylor, which continued until 1873. Meanwhile, in 1868, he was appointed deputy sheriff and held that position until 1878, when he was elected sheriff of Caledonia county and removed to St. Johnsbury. His fitness for that responsible position has been recognized by his constituents by successive reëlections, until the present time, which rounds out a quarter of a century of continuous service, the longest with one exception in the history of the state.

During this long period he has had charge of many notorious criminals, and been brought in contact with many curious phases of human nature. He has sought criminals in several states, in Canada and in Cuba. Sheriff Sulloway has a wide personal acquaintance with the legal fraternity of Vermont, and probably knows more men in the three counties than any other man living, and his genial and cheerful personality have made him universally popular. In 1890 he was the regular nominee of both political parties and received an almost unanimous election. He

LORENZO SULLOWAY.

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represented Wheelock in the legislature in 1876, and was six years overseer of poor of St. Johnsbury.

Mr. Sulloway married November 2, 1871, Lizzie, daughter of John and Jane (Herron) Ranney of Wheelock. They have one son, Ralph C., reporter for the St. Johnsbury *Caledonian*.

Lorenzo Sulloway is a member of Crescent lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., of Haswell chapter, Caledonia council, Palestine commandery, Mount Sinai temple, and the Eastern Star. He also affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, with Caledonia lodge, I. O. O. F., and with Olive Branch lodge, Daughters of Rebekah.

FAIRBANKS, EDWARD T., son of Joseph P. and Almira Taylor Fairbanks, born May 12, 1836, graduated at Yale, class of 1859. After two years in Andover Theological seminary, and two and a half years abroad, he became acting pastor for one year at Chester, Vermont. On New Year's day, 1868, he was ordained pastor of the First Congregational church, St. Johnsbury Center. Six years later, January 30, 1874, he became pastor of the South church, St. Johnsbury, which position he held for twenty-eight and a half years. He is now librarian and director of the St. Johnsbury Athenæum.

PORTER & THOMPSON. David E. Porter, the senior partner of this law firm, was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 16, 1872, son of Perry and Electa (Trull) Porter. Perry Porter is a veteran of the Civil war, and prominent G. A. R. man and citizen of West Burke. David E. removed to Burke with his father's family in early childhood, and completed his education at St. Johnsbury academy, from which he graduated in the class of 1892. Soon afterwards he began reading law in the office of Bates & May, attended the law department of the University of Michigan, from which he graduated and where he was admitted to the bar in 1894; he returned to Vermont and resumed his legal studies with Bates & May and was admitted to the bar of Vermont at the October term, 1895.

In 1896 he became a partner of the law firm of Farnham & Porter, which continued three years. He was appointed referee in bankruptcy in July, 1898, and reappointed two years later, but resigned December 1, 1900, when he assumed the duties of state's attorney of Caledonia county, a position which he creditably filled for two years.

He married, in October, 1902, Miss Amelia Wolff of New Haven, Connecticut, and they have one child, Isabelle Wolfe Porter. The firm of Porter & Thompson was formed April 2, 1902, and is centrally located in Republican block, where they occupy a commodious suite of rooms. They have one of the best and most extensive law libraries in northern Vermont, and the prospects of the firm are very good. Both partners are good practical lawyers and have been admitted to practice in the district and circuit courts of the United States.

Frank D. Thompson, son of Judge L. H. and Eliza (Dutton) Thompson, was born in Irasburg, Vermont, April 9, 1876. He was educated in the public schools of Irasburg, and at St. Johnsbury academy, from

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which he graduated in 1894. He spent one year in the University of Vermont. He began reading law with Judge W. P. Stafford in 1896 and graduated at the Boston University Law school in 1899. He married Mabel A., daughter of Hon. W. W. Miles of Barton.

THE ST. JOHNSBURY CALEDONIAN was established in 1837 by the late Albert G. Chadwick, one of the leading citizens of the town, "in the interests of the Whig party, the protection of American industry, the cause of temperance, and equal rights." In 1855 Mr. Chadwick sold the paper to the late Charles Marshall Stone, who was editor and proprietor until his death in 1890. During that time he made the *Caledonian* one of the best-known weeklies in New England, and a real power for good in the

CHARLES M. STONE.

community. At his death the paper passed to the management of his oldest son, Arthur Fairbanks Stone, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Stone was born in St. Johnsbury, February 18, 1863, being the son of Charles Marshall and Sarah (Fairbanks) Stone. His

ARTHUR F. STONE.

mother was the daughter of Erastus Fairbanks, one of the founders of the scale company, and twice governor of Vermont. After an elementary education he was graduated from St. Johnsbury academy in 1881, and from Amherst college in 1885.

His scholarship elected him to a membership in the Phi Beta Kappa society while in college, and he was also a member of the Amherst chapter of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. For the first two years after graduation he was reporter for the Northampton *Daily Herald* and in 1888 was on the staff of the Fall River *Evening News*. He returned to St. Johnsbury in 1889 and became editor and publisher of the

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Caledonian in 1890 and has continued in this capacity ever since. In 1891 he published "St. Johnsbury Illustrated," a handsomely illustrated work and one of the first of its kind in Vermont. During his business life in St. Johnsbury he has been interested in the various activities of the town. He is chairman of the school board, clerk of the North Congregational church, and vice-president of the Vermont International Telegraph company. On January 1, 1890, he married Helen Lincoln of Northampton, Massachusetts. They have one daughter, aged twelve years, and one son, aged seven years. One son died August 17, 1895, aged thirteen and one half months.

HITCHCOCK, EMERSON W., son of John and Jeannette (Blodgett) Hitchcock, was born at Marysville, Province of Ontario, in 1863. John Hitchcock, D. D. S., was a prominent member of his profession, located many years at Canton, St. Lawrence county, New York. Emerson W. was eduated at the union schools at Canton, with a special course at St. Lawrence university, and began the study of medicine with Dr. Edmund Carleton of New York city, completing a four years' course at the New York Homœopathic Medical college and hospital, from which he graduated in 1890, receiving an appointment as clinical instructor to the chair of pediatrics in that college after graduation.

He first engaged in the practice of medicine in New York city, and later practised in Goshen, Orange county, New York. He came to St. Johnsbury in 1895, where he has since continued in the successful practice of his profession. He is a member of Vermont Homœopathic Medical society and the Surgical Gynæcological society of New England. Dr. Hitchcock is a member of Palestine commandery and of the subordinate bodies of Masonry.

STEVENS, JOHN COLBY, son of Roswell P. and Melissa S. (Dolloff) Stevens, was born in East Charleston, Vermont, September 11, 1873. R. P. Stevens was a native of St. Johnsbury, formerly a prominent business man of Charleston, Vermont, and represented that town in the legislature. Mrs. Melissa (Dolloff) Stevens was a successful teacher many years, before and after her marriage.

Of their eight children, only

JOHN C. STEVENS.

three are living, John C., Martha A., and Charles G., who is an assistant of his brother in business. John C. Stevens supplemented his

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common school training by attendance at Lyndon institute and Derby academy and successfully taught several terms of school. He spent a year as a traveling salesman for a New York tailoring house, and in August, 1895, established his merchant tailor business at 47 Railroad street, over Merchants' bank. Mr. Stevens carries a well-selected stock and an extensive line of handsome samples in gents' clothing, and his artistic taste is evident both in the choice of his materials and the arrangement of the stock. Of genial manners and attractive personality Mr. Stevens has formed a wide acquaintance. His business has extended and embraces a branch store at Lyndonville and he also has a representative on the road. He spares no efforts to be well informed and up-to-date in the styles and fashions of the day.

J. C. Stevens married Elva M., daughter of E. D. and Ellen C. Bradley of St. Johnsbury Center, and they have one son, Graydon B. Stevens. Mr. Stevens is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the New England Order of Protection and a past representative of both orders to their respective grand lodges, and was two years representative to the supreme lodge of the New England Order of Protection.

SCOTT, FRANK A., son of N. M. and Alvira (Bean) Scott, was born in Glover, Vermont, in 1858. N. M. Scott is a veteran and prosperous merchant of Barton, and his three sons, who are all in trade at St. Johnsbury, seem to inherit the thrift and ability of their sire.

Frank was educated at the Orleans County Liberal institute at Glover, and at St. Johnsbury academy. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the harness-maker's trade at Glover, where he remained during his minority. After two years' experience at this business at Clinton, Massachusetts, he went to Boston and was employed two years by French Brothers, provision dealers. Returning to Vermont he took another two years' period of experience in company with his father in the grain and feed business in the old wholesale store.

In 1886 he came to St. Johnsbury and bought a half interest in the grocery business with his brother, A. W. Scott, and five years later bought the Nelson block on Eastern avenue, where Scott Brothers continued to do a flourishing business, until in 1896, when the firm was dissolved by mutual consent, F. A. taking the stock of groceries, also crockery and glassware, and A. W. the boots and shoes, removing to Railroad street.

Frank A. Scott has continued to do an extensive and increasing business, and in 1902 took in as a partner R. E. French of Glover, a brother-in-law, under the firm style of F. A. Scott & Co.

The firm have recently added a bakery, a great convenience to their large circle of patrons.

Mr. Scott owns a large warehouse on Railroad street, 40x100 feet, the upper story being rented for tenements, and the lower story used for storage. He has handled maple sugar for twenty years, and extensively during the last few years.

Mr. Scott married Martha, daughter of Lindol French of Glover. They have two sons and two daughters, Edna E., Lindol M., Roy F., and Phebe Scott.

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Mr. Scott possesses great energy and acumen in business affairs, and is serving his third term as a trustee of the village.

He is a Republican in politics, a Universalist in religious belief and support, and affiliates with the Odd Fellows and the New England Order of Protection.

IDE, ELMORE TIMOTHY, son of Jacob and Ladoski (Knights) Ide, was born in Barnet, Vermont, in 1839. The Ide family in America all descended from Nicholas Ide, who came from England in 1636, and settled in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, in 1643. He was a commissioner on behalf of the colony to settle with the renowned King Philip. John Ide, a descendant of the fourth generation, was a soldier of the Revolution, and at the close of the war came to St. Johnsbury and settled on Barker hill, in 1792. He was the great-grandfather of Elmore T. Ide. In 1813 Timothy, son of John Ide, bought the grist-mill at Passumpsic. He was the father of a family of twelve children, of whom Jacob, the youngest son, remained at home and succeeded to the ownership of the grist-mill, which he conducted until succeeded by his sons.

Jacob was station agent and postmaster at Passumpsic many years. A noted teacher in his younger days, and eminently practical in all his undertakings, he retained his bodily and mental faculties almost unimpaired until his death in 1900, aged ninety-three.

The three sons of Jacob and Ladoski (Knights) Ide, were Elmore Timothy, Horace Knights, and Henry Clay Ide (see page 16).

General H. K. Ide, born in 1842, was a gallant officer in the First Vermont cavalry, later quartermaster-general of Vermont, represented Barnet in the legislature, was a trustee of the village of St. Johnsbury, and a member, until his death, of the firm of E. T. & H. K. Ide. He married, in 1867, Margaret Hidden Chamberlain, and died in 1897, leaving a widow and one son, Dr. Philip Sheridan Ide of Wayland, Massachusetts.

Elmore T. Ide was educated in the public schools of Barnet, and at St. Johnsbury academy. In 1866 E. T. and H. K. Ide bought the grist-mill at Passumpsic of their father, and greatly enlarged the business, so that at the present time it is one of the leading mills in northern New England, having one of the best water powers in the state, and a business extending from Canada to Massachusetts. The title to Ide's mills has not changed hands, except from father to son, since 1813. After the death of H. K. the business had so increased that it was incorporated with a capital of $50,000, with E. T. Ide as president and principal stockholder.

The headquarters has been for several years in the large elevator on Bay street, St. Johnsbury, adjoining the coal pockets, which, together, constitute one of the best plants for the line of business followed by this corporation to be found. The elevator is equipped with latest improvements for handling grain and feed, with electric power, automatic grain shovels, grain and platform elevators.

Mr. Ide not only built these buildings, but "made" the land on which they stand, so to speak. In 1894 he purchased three acres of

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mill pond and swamp between the railroad and Portland street—the cesspool of the village—that had become a grave danger to public health and seemed of no use; but at great expense the whole tract has been redeemed, and through it runs Bay street, one of the busiest streets in town.

This part of the village is sometimes called Ide Addition, but Mr. Ide calls it his "Back Bay." There are now on this street besides the Ide plant, the Farmers' Mutual creamery, George C. Cary's extensive warehouses, Harry H. Carr's cold storage plant, Jones & Shield's furniture shop, A. L. Bragg's shop, a large blacksmith shop and two tenements, with several valuable lots for business blocks on Portland street, Bay street, and the railroad.

E. T. Ide possesses the highest

ELMORE T. IDE.

order of executive ability and great industry, and his well-directed energies have been an important factor in the financial, political, and religious affairs of St. Johnsbury. He has been president of the Caledonia County Fair Ground Co., of the Republican club, of the Board of Trade, and is president of the Merchants'

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National bank, and director for Caledonia county of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Co.; also a director of the Tredegar National bank of Jacksonville, Alabama. Mr. Ide married, in 1862, Cynthia, daughter of William and Mary (Felch) Adams of Waterford, scion of a staunch and pioneer family.

Their union has been blessed by three sons and three daughters: Katherine D. is the wife of George M. Gray, vice-president and secretary of the Ide corporation; George Peabody Ide is a banker and superintendent of a manufactory at Jacksonville, Alabama; Henry C., 2d, is a physician at McIndoes, Vermont; Mary Ellen is curator of Fairbanks museum; Fanny is an artist, and William Adams is a director and bookkeeper of the Ide corporation.

RANDALL, Sias, son of Thomas and Annie (Batchelder) Randall, was born in Danville, Vermont, in 1822. His grandfather, Israel Randall, came from Nottingham, New Hampshire, prior to the Revolution, and took up a large tract of land near North Danville.

He reared a family of six sons and three daughters, and after the manner of the times the sons all sought careers elsewhere, except Thomas, the youngest son, who remained on the home farm, reared a family of eight sons and three daughters, and died in 1830, at the age of fifty-one.

Sias, the youngest child, found a home with Judkins, his eldest brother. After receiving a good common school education and one term at Phillips academy, he taught two terms of school.

Four of his brothers were then settled in that neighborhood, and three of them in company with Sias, and a brother-in-law, began the manufacture of threshing machines, which was continued seven years. Not a single Randall now remains in North Danville, and Sias is the sole survivor of this large family. In 1850 he withdrew from the firm, moved to Paddock Village, and there began the manufacture of threshing machines, founding the business long conducted by B. F. Rollins. Mr. Randall helped make the doors, sash, and blinds of the old Passumpsic House, which was erected on blocks in the spring of 1850, just before the coming of the railroad. Paddock Village was the business center and contained the J. H. Paddock iron foundry and machine shop, Lindorf Morris' sash and blind factory, Hancock's furniture factory, a sawmill and a gristmill. Mr. Randall erected in 1854 the nucleus of Randall's block, 30x50 feet, two stories, and soon started with Dr. Hoyt the second drug store in St. Johnsbury, Bingham's being the first. He carried the lines of paints, oil, and glass, and during the rapidly growing period following the close of the war his business amounted to $30,000 annually.

In 1868 he rebuilt the block, making it fifty feet front on Railroad street, with a depth of more than 100 feet, and from three to five stories high, and at the present time there are fourteen tenements. In 1862 Dr. Hoyt withdrew, and Mr. Randall continued to successfully conduct the business alone until 1884, when he sold to his son, George Randall, who died in '87. Edson Randall, another son, soon

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engaged in the drug business and conducted it for a dozen years.

Although practically retired since 1884, Silas Randall continues to work in the store when occasion requires and carries his eighty-one years bravely. He has served the town repeatedly as constable, collector, and selectman, six years as overseer, and nearly half a century as surveyor of wood and lumber.

Although a shrewd and successful financier, Mr. Randall has ever been liberal to public enterprises, and of generous, kindly impulses, he has helped many a man to his personal loss. During a period of half a century he served as conductor to more than eleven hundred funerals, and always without compensation. He is one of the eldest Odd Fellows in town and a charter member of the Knights of Pythias. He was a member of the building committee in the erection of Odd Fellows' block, and the rebuilding of the M. E. church.

Silas Randall married, in 1846, Laura Ann Weed, who died twenty years later, leaving four children,

SILAS RANDALL.

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George, Clara (Mrs. P. J. Noyes of Lancaster, New Hampshire), Frank of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Edson.

In 1867 he married Philura Stearns of St. Johnsbury, who died in 1873, leaving one son, Arthur, a traveling salesman in Iowa. His third wife is Mary Ann Kenison, widow of Lyman Babcock. Edson N. Randall was born in 1859. He began in business for himself to sell small wares at eighteen years of age.

His store in Randall block is really a department store, an exposition of almost everything used in housekeeping, including a great variety of ladies' garments and dry goods.

HUDSON, Amasa, son of Joseph T. and Lydia (Farnham) Hudson, was born in Concord, Vermont, in 1848. Joseph T. Hudson was an industrious and worthy mechanic and reared a large family. Amasa began to work out on farms when he was eleven years old, and after that time paid his own way and assisted his father, thus early learning the lesson of industry and perseverance. He attended the common and select schools of his native town, meanwhile working for his board. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner of his father, and two years later came to St. Johnsbury and obtained employment at his trade with the Fairbanks company.

For about a dozen years he was engaged on the woodwork in the scale works. He there gained a good reputation as a faithful and efficient workman and later was assigned to take charge of repair and construction work on the residences of members of the company and under the direction of Architect Packard had entire charge of the construction of the museum. His skill, good judgment, and honesty were recognized by his appointment in 1895, just before the death of Colonel Fairbanks, to the position of foreman of the joiner shop department and during the past year of the paint shop also.

Amasa Hudson married, in February, 1873, Ella, daughter of Whitney Stowell of West Concord. Four children have been born to them, Carl (deceased), Florence M., Harriett A., and Mabel E. Hudson, the three daughters residing with their parents at their pleasant home on South park. Mr. Hudson is an industrious and worthy citizen, a member of Palestine commandery and of the New England Order of Protection.

CLARK, Colonel John C., son of Captain John S., and Eliza Ann (Robinson) Clark, was born in Lunenburg, Vermont, June 3d, 1852.

Hon. Spencer Clark, his grandfather, was an early settler in Lunenburg and purchased and cleared the famous meadow farm of about 600 acres extending nearly three miles along the Connecticut river, always known as the Clark farm. John S. and George Clark resided on this large estate and jointly conducted it prior to the Civil war.

John S. Clark enlisted in the Eighth Vermont regiment; on the organization of his company was chosen captain and proceeded to Louisiana with the Butler expedition, and died in the hospital in March, 1863.

Captain J. S. Clark was a stanch and true man, a noble type of the Vermont volunteer, who resigned

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the pleasures and ambitions of home to maintain the Union.

The widow of Captain Clark left the farm soon after her husband left for the seat of war, and John C. resided in Detroit, Michigan, from July, 1864, to November, 1869, where he completed his education in the city and private schools.

He soon after came to St. Johnsbury and took a position in the First National bank in 1870, where he remained three and a half years, when he became cashier of the Chelsea (Vermont) National bank, holding that position ten years. In 1883 he returned to St. Johnsbury as assistant cashier of the First National bank and in January, 1886, became cashier.

In 1893 he was appointed treasurer of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., a position which he still fills. In May, 1895, soon after the death of Colonel Franklin Fairbanks, Mr. Clark was elected a director of the company as his successor and was appointed its secretary.

He is secretary and treasurer of the St. Johnsbury Electric company and a director of the First National bank. In 1894

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he was elected to the legislature from St. Johnsbury, where he served on the committee on ways and means, on banks, and other important committees. In 1896 he was appointed on the staff of Governor Grout with the rank of colonel.

Colonel Clark is a member of Passumpsic lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M., and the Mizpah Lodge of Perfection. He married in 1886 Miss Lida E. Puffer of Chelsea, Vermont. Their pleasant home on Summer street is cheered by the presence of four children, Robert Puffer Clark, who is employed in the Fairbanks office, Margaret Robinson, Arthur Dana, and Dorothea Clark.

HILL, FRANK D., son of Dyer H. and Hannah (Chase) Hill, was born at West Concord, Vermont, in 1855. His grandfather, Elijah Hill, and a brother, Isaac, came to Concord early in the last century from Athol, Massachusetts; they were pioneer farmers and reared large families of children, who became active and useful citizens.

Dyer H., the youngest son, remained on the home farm, later resided many years at West Concord, but is now a citizen of St. Johnsbury.

Frank D. was educated in the public schools of West Concord. His first business venture was in the meat market at West Concord, which he conducted a year. He came to St. Johnsbury twenty-six years ago and engaged as a painter with E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., where he remained two years and later followed his trade one year on the street. He married, in 1887, Lizzie, daughter of George F. and Sophronia E. (Richardson) Miner of St. Johnsbury.

In 1880 the firm of Miner & Hill was formed and for seventeen years was a leading firm in St. Johnsbury, in the line of house, carriage, and ornamental sign painting, paper hanging, kalsomining, etc., when owing to impaired health Mr. Miner withdrew from the firm. Since that time Mr. Hill has conducted the business successfully without a partner, being assisted in recent years by his sons. His headquarters are in the basement of the old opera house on Summer street, where he occupies large storage rooms. His business has steadily increased from small beginnings.

KELLOGG, WALTER E., son of Erastus W. and Lydia Ann (Winchester) Kellogg, was born at Morrisburg, Province of Ontario, March 3, 1864. Erastus Kellogg was a native of Concord, one of the eleven children of Benjamin P. and Arthusa (Metcalf) Kellogg, long-time and worthy citizens of that town. Erastus was a mechanic, contractor, and builder, and died when Walter was ten years of age.

With a fair common school training, Walter possessed an elastic physique, and an adventurous spirit, and at the age of fourteen found employment on the steamboats that plied past his early home on the St. Lawrence river and four years later was captain of a small boat, and later was an engineer, a line of work which he pursued on the river and the Great Lakes and also on the land until he came to St. Johnsbury in October, 1886. In March, 1883, he came to West Concord, where he had relatives, and where he met Nellie E., daughter of Alonzo K. and Nellie A. (Cheney) Quimby, who became his wife in 1885. Her par-

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ents were many years esteemed residents of West Concord, but now reside with Mr. Kellogg on Pine street.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg have three children,--George W., Annie Madge, and Guy Truman. After his removal to St. Johnsbury, in 1886, Mr. Kellogg found employment during thirteen years in the sealing room of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. Meanwhile he was appointed substitute letter carrier, May 15, 1894.

This position he continued to fill until he was appointed assistant postmaster March 25, 1900, under Hon. L. D. Hazen. St. Johnsbury is now a second-class office, employing five carriers and two substitutes for city delivery; also three rural carriers and three substitutes, with an annual business of about $19,000. Mr. Kellogg's active temperament and genial manner peculiarly fit him for his present position.

GAUTHIER, JOSEPH. This sturdy citizen is a native of Three Rivers, Province Quebec, where he was born in 1846. He attended the public schools of his native city, and spent his boyhood there until at sixteen years of age he went to West Troy, New York, Waterville arsenal, and worked two years at the United States arsenal, at his trade of harness-maker. Mr. Gauthier recalls the fact that thirteen hours was then the regulation working day at the arsenal. After leaving West Troy, he located in Concord, New Hampshire, and remained there seven years, in the employ of the well-known Hill Harness company. In 1870 he returned to his native city of Three Rivers and for a time engaged in trade.

During that time he was a volunteer in the Fenian Raid, and received a silver medal from the government in recognition of meritorious service.

Soon afterwards he engaged in the harness business for two years with his uncle, Albert Gilmore, at Derby Line, Vermont, and later was located at Newport, Vermont, one year. In 1874 he settled in St. Johnsbury and bought the harness business of George W. Cook, to which he later added the features of boots, shoes, and men's clothing, and conducted the same successfully until 1897, when he sold the business and stock.

Mr. Gauthier has shown his confidence in the future of St. Johnsbury by investment of his surplus in real estate, the rise in value of which has justified his faith and brought him handsome returns. During the past three years he has been the silent partner of the well-known real estate firm of Rickaby & Company.

In January, 1903, Mr. Gauthier bought the St. Johnsbury woodyard, and since last May has been actively engaged in the sale of wood, straw, and hay, shingles and cedar posts, a line of trade in which his wide personal acquaintance and business ability are sure to win success. He married in 1875 Miss Carrie Therrein. They have one daughter, Mamie.

DEMERS & PREVOST. Louis, son of Joseph and Caroline Desrochers Demers, was born at St. Nicholas, Province of Quebec, in 1851. His life has been an active one, with the experience of sunshine and shadow. He was educated at the Christian Brothers' School at Quebec, and then for several years

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followed the free life of a navigator on the St. Lawrence river, and later clerked three years in Quebec.

Soon after attaining his majority he came to St. Johnsbury and became book and time-keeper for Joseph Trudell, railroad contractor, and later married his daughter, Georgianna. Subsequently he was clerk and then junior partner in the grocery firm of Demers & Pinard, and has been engaged in this line of business on Railroad street, either as proprietor or foreman more than twenty years.

Mr. Demers is an active, genial, and accommodating citizen, thoroughly well acquainted with his business and the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Demers are the parents of nine children, four of whom are living.

The firm of Demers & Prevost, formed in October, 1902, and located in Demers' block, Railroad street, is doing an extensive business in the line of groceries and provisions and is a beehive of industry. An important feature is the bakery, which receives a large patronage. The meat market of P. Morin, located in the rear, completes the supply for the tables of customers.

Arthur J., son of Jules and Adelaide Bossonnault Prevost, was born in St. Valentine, Province of Quebec, in 1859. After his mother's death, when he was twelve years old, he found a home with her brother, Rev. Charles Bossonnault. He received an excellent education in the public schools and at College Bourget, from which he graduated in 1885.

Three years later he came to St. Johnsbury, and was engaged in the grocery business two years with his brother. Later he was for several years agent at St. Johnsbury for the Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Portland, was five years with the Eureka Shoe Co. of Manchester, New Hampshire,, and two years with E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., a varied and helpful experience.

Mr. Prèvost married in 1880 Claire, daughter of Thomas Belanger, and they have five children. He is an energetic and useful citizen. Both partners are members of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

WM. H. MORRISON.

MORRISON, WILLIAM HENRY, son of William and Elizabeth (Thompson) Morrison, was born in 1860 at Leeds, Province of Quebec. His parents are of Scotch descent and are worthy and well-to-do farmers, and William H. received a fair education in the public schools of his native town. At seventeen

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years of age he sought his fortune in the United States and worked out two years at Groveton, New Hampshire, and one year at North Concord.

After learning the trade of blacksmith of his uncle, Samuel Morrison of Lower Waterford, he came to West Concord, rented the shop of R. S. Bailey and followed his trade three years. In 1886 he moved to St. Johnsbury and entered the works of E. & T. Fairbanks as a blacksmith. Mr. Morrison is the ideal type of "the village blacksmith,"—

"A mighty man is he with strong and sinewy hands,
And the muscles of his brawny arms are strong as iron bands."

He is also ingenious and energetic and during the past fourteen years has been successfully engaged in contract work. He is a genial and useful citizen and an esteemed member of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M. Mr. Morrison married Loraine B. Thurber of Danville, Province of Quebec, and their pleasant home in Paddock Village is brightened by three children: Frank Harold is a sophomore at St. Johnsbury academy; Raymond, Arthur and Agnes Hellen attend the village schools.

BONETT, GEORGE W., son of Luther and Fanny (Carr) Bonett, was born in Waterford in 1839. He attended the public schools of West Concord and at the age of fifteen bought his time of his father and worked out three years on a farm to pay for the same. At the age of eighteen he went to St. Johnsbury and served a three years' apprenticeship with Luke Buzzell at the iron founder's trade. He enlisted from that town June 1st, 1861, in Company C, Third Vermont regiment, and was mustered into the United States service July 16th. With a splendid physique, a natural aptitude for military life, united with fervent patriotism and dauntless courage, he was a fine type of the farm-bred volunteer soldier.

He rose steadily, by personal merit alone, was promoted corporal

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a year after enlistment, and sergeant November 1st, 1862. He reënlisted for the town of Waterford, December 21st, 1863. A good tactician, he often acted as drill master of the new recruits. He was promoted first lieutenant of Co. B in June, 1864, captain Co. A the following October, and breveted major April 2d, 1865, for gallantry in the assault on Petersburg. He was assigned to service on the staff, which he performed with character-

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istic efficiency. He was twice wounded, at Savage Station, June, 1862, and at Winchester, September, 1864. He was excused from duty scarcely a single day during his four years' service and participated in the battles of Lewinsville, Warwick Creek, Fair Oaks, Golding's Farm, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Sharpsburg, Gettysburg, Frankstone, first and second actions at Fredricksburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Pamunkey, Hanover Court House, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Washington, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Newmarket, Cedar Creek, Petersburg, 2d April, and Sailors' Creek. In the action before Petersburg, April 2d, 1865, Major Bonett, then on General L. A. Grant's staff, with two orderlies, took a whole company of Confederates prisoners of war. These facts are from the official records. Soon afterwards he was offered a captaincy in the regular army, but declined.

After his return from the tented field, Major Bonett was for ten years in the employ of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. Meanwhile, in 1865, he had married Nancy J., daughter of Lindorf Morris of St. Johnsbury, and settled in Paddock Village. They have one child, Mrs. Emma Montgomery of McIndoes, Vermont. In 1877 Major Bonett rented the old iron foundry, then for a long time unused, of J. H. Paddock, and began business in a small way. By energy, skill, and fair dealing he soon worked up a large business, employing from ten to fifteen men and furnishing castings for the St. Johnsbury, Lake Champlain, and Passumpsic division railroads. Owing to circumstances beyond his control, he was induced to sell this successful business in the fall of 1884 to the Acme Iron Works, and for several years following was in the grocery business near the Avenue House. Since that time Major Bonett has been employed at two different periods of half a dozen years with the Fairbanks company, with whom he is now engaged; was one year with O. V. Hooker, and three years was superintendent of an iron foundry at Winchendon, Massachusetts. Major Bonett knows and always owns a good horse, and has brought out several fast ones. A fine equestrian, he was for many years chief marshal at the Caledonia county fairs, and as such formed a wide acquaintance. He is an esteemed citizen and member of Chamberlain post, No. 1, G. A. R.

FRYE, GEORGE CLINTON, son of George C. and Lucella S. (Freeman) Frye, was born at West Concord, Vermont, in 1873. John Frye, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a pioneer settler in Concord, near Hall's pond, and the progenitor of a substantial and numerous family located in the Frye neighborhood.

Harvey G. Frye, one of the sons, married Lucy Hill, and was a lifelong and prominent citizen. George C. Frye, one of his eight children, was of slender physique, but a very capable business man, many years town clerk, and also associated with S. S. Gould in trade at West Concord. He married Lucella, daughter of Lucius Freeman, long time town clerk and a highly respected citizen of Waterford. Freeman

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Frye, first born of this marriage, is the well-known jeweler on Eastern avenue, St. Johnsbury.

George Clinton Frye was educated in the public schools and the academy of St. Johnsbury, from which he graduated in 1892. He immediately began reading law in the office of his stepfather, Hon. A. F. Nichols, and two years later entered Boston University Law school, from which he graduated in

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1897, and was admitted to the bar in October of the same year. He soon opened an office in Citizens' bank building, where he has continued in practice until the present time. He has a fine law library, and he is a thorough and systematic student and careful and reliable counsel.

Mr. Frye is chairman of the Republican committee of Caledonia county and a member of the board of county road commissioners. He is secretary and treasurer of the Mystic club and has an excellent social and professional standing.

LYNCH, REV. JOHN ALOYSIUS, son of John and Mary (Cronin) Lynch, was born in South Wheelock, Vermont, August 11, 1868. His parents came from Ireland in youth, and settled in St. Johnsbury, which, with the exception of intervals spent on their farm at South Wheelock, continued to be their home until their death. Four of their eight children are now living, namely: Lieut. William M. Lynch, of the Boston fire department; Dr. Edward R. Lynch, a prominent surgeon of Brattleboro; Mary E., wife of Charles A. McGovern of St. Johnsbury, and the subject of this sketch.

A large part of the boyhood and youth of Father Lynch was spent upon the Wheelock farm. He attended the old "Mountain district" school, and, later, sometimes the public school in St. Johnsbury.

His academical studies were begun at the Green Mountain seminary, at Waterbury Center, Vermont, and were continued in Boston, where he spent five years, engaged in mercantile pursuits and studying under private tutors.

In 1892 he entered Seminary of Philosophy, in Montreal, and after finishing his philosophical studies he entered St. Mary's Theological seminary in Baltimore, Maryland, and was ordained a priest at Burlington, August 24, 1897.

He was at once stationed at Swanton as assistant at the Church of the Nativity, whence he was transferred in January, 1898, to St. Johnsbury. Here a new Catholic parish had

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been established the previous year. Rev. M. J. Carmody, the rector, had been forced by ill health to resign his charge, and the half finished church was turned over to Father Lynch. With characteristic energy the work of building and organizing was carried forward. On October 26 St. Aloysius' church, a large and beautiful Gothic structure of brick and stone, on Main street, was dedicated. The non-Catholics of St. Johnsbury showed a kindly interest in the new parish and its work, and their appreciation was expressed in the gift of $1,000 toward the purchase of a pipe organ. A parochial residence was erected the following year. St. Aloysius' parish has continued to prosper, and has won a prominent place in the religious life of the community. Father Lynch and his people have been identified with every movement having in view the progress or moral welfare of the community.

His labors have not been confined to St. Johnsbury. He has charge of St. Lawrence's church at Copperfield, Vermont, and has organized a new parish and just completed a beautiful little church building, St. Leo's, in Lunenburg, Vermont. He finds time, also, to accept some of the numerous calls upon him for public speeches and lectures.

BONETT, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles M., son of Luther and Lydia M. (Ayer) Bonett, was born in Waterford, Vermont, July 12, 1857.

Luther Bonett was a veteran of the Civil war, enlisting in the Eleventh Vermont regiment from Concord after he was fifty-five years old. He died in that town in October, 1899, at the age of ninety-two.

Joseph Bonett, the grandfather of Luther, came over with General Lafayette as a drummer boy, and later became a sergeant in the American army. Charles' boyhood was spent upon the paternal farm near West Concord, where he attended school. He left home at fourteen years of age, and served a three years' apprenticeship at West

Charles M. Bonett.

Concord at the door, sash, and blind trade, and later came to St. Johnsbury, and worked at his trade a year or more with H. E. Randall.

He then engaged in the furniture business with Dwinell & Orcutt at Paddock Village for nine years. In 1886 he went into the pattern shop of the Fairbanks Scale Co., and at present does the pattern work for the Fairbanks brass valves. Mr. Bonett married Nellie P., daughter

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of Curtis L. and Viola (Grant) Stacey, of West Concord, January 1, 1879, and they reside on Mount Pleasant street. Colonel Bonett inherits the traditional taste and attitude of his ancestry for military affairs.

He joined Company D, Vermont National Guard, June 1, 1884, and a year later was promoted quartermaster-sergeant of his company. His promotion was steady and well merited.

He became first lieutenant in 1890, and captain in 1892. In January, 1898, he was elected major of the First Vermont infantry, and May 16 was mustered into the United States service, and filled that position with great credit during the service of the regiment at Chickamauga camp. Mustered out November 7, 1898. He was elected lieutenant-colonel of the regiment in 1899.

He was present with a battalion of his regiment at the first inauguration of President McKinley in 1897, and at the dedication of Grant's tomb the same year commanded the First battalion, and also participated in the celebration of the Washington centennial in 1889. As captain of Company D his influence has been manifested in the high standing of that body. His most cherished souvenir is a magnificent sword and scabbards, presented him by the members of Company D, in appreciation of his services as captain.

Like Roosevelt he believes in shooting straight, and teaches it by precept and example. He won the second regimental prize for marksmanship at Montpelier in 1891, and the first prize at Rutland in 1892 and fired the first shot for the Vermonters at Sea Girt, 1903, in the national team match, which was a bull's-eye.

HAZEN, PERLEY FULLER, son of Edward and Sarah (Tilden) Hazen, was born in Hartford, Vermont, July 11, 1854. He was educated in the public schools. He came to St. Johnsbury September 2, 1872, and entered the office of E. & T. Fairbanks &Co., as a clerk. Capable, industrious, and ambitious, young Hazen was promoted to the position of bookkeeper in the mechanical department, where he mastered the details of the manufacture of scales, and kind of labor required, and proved to be the "right man in the right place." He was appointed assistant superintendent in 1889, and for the past ten years has been superintendent of this extensive business, which employs more than one thousand men.

Mr. Hazen's activities have not been confined to his business alone. They have broadened out into many avenues of the social, religious, and political life of St. Johnsbury. He is an Odd Fellow, a 32d degree Mason and a past eminent commander of Palestine commandery. For four years he served as a trustee of the village. He was actively interested as an incorporator, and for several years as a director, of the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust company. For nearly thirty years he has been a member of the North Congregational church, and his influence is freely extended to the religious and educational progress of the town. A zealous Republican, he was for several years chairman of the town committee, and during the last campaign was president of the Repub-

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lican club. He has not sought political preferment for himself, but has worked strenuously for the cause. P. F. Hazen married Minnie, daughter of Andrew Oliver and Pamela (Denison) Baker of St. Johnsbury, April 14, 1881.

PERLEY F. HAZEN.

Mr. Hazen has achieved a most responsible position in a great enterprise by merit alone, and possesses a large measure of public confidence.

WILSON, HENRY E., son of Adams and Mary (Aldrich) Wilson, was born in Newbury, Vermont, in 1846. He was educated in the public schools of Newbury and Bradford, where he remained during his minority. He was many years a traveling salesman and was located in general trade at Barnet a dozen years, and postmaster during Cleveland's and Harrison's administrations. He came to St. Johnsbury in October, 1895, was for a time in retail trade, and in March, 1901, organized the St. Johnsbury Grocery company. The office and warehouse occupies the entire three floors of Caldbeck's block near the depot.

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THE ST. JOHNSBURY GROCERY CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS, ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT, 1903.

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From a small beginning the business has steadily increased and the company is now doing a business of $150,000 per annum. This gratifying success has been obtained by a careful selection of fresh, choice goods at close prices, and by hard work and square deal on correct business principles.

EDSON R. JENKINS.

JENKINS, EDSON R., son of John and Nancy (Burgin) Jenkins, was born in Fairlee, Vermont, in 1848. His early boyhood until he was eight years old was spent in Bradford, Vermont, whence the family removed to Lebanon, New Hampshire, where they resided four years.

The family removed to St. Johnsbury in 1860 and at the age of fourteen Edson engaged with J. H. Paddock to learn the machinist's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then entered Luke Buzzell's machine shop as a journeyman, but was made foreman within a year, at the age of eighteen, and filled that position until 1872, when he entered the employ of the Fairbanks company as a machinist. He

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was foreman of the machine shop several years and later was department foreman of the beam room, blacksmith shop, and casting room nearly five years, and in 1895 was made assistant superintendent of the works. In this very exacting position he has the oversight and is responsible to the business manager for the work of more than a thousand workmen. Mr. Jenkins has shown a peculiar fitness for this most responsible position, possessing good judgment, fairness, and integrity and a complete and thorough knowledge of machinery as applied to the varied requirements of the scale and valve works. He is highly esteemed by the employés as well as by the management.

E. R. Jenkins married in 1870 Helen M. Gaskill of St. Johnsbury, who died in 1879, leaving one son, John Jenkins, an employé in the Fairbanks works. His second wife was Nellie Nasmith. His third wife was her sister, Dora Nasmith, who died in 1899, and his present wife is Elizabeth McNey of Inverness, Province of Quebec. Mr. Jenkins has a beautiful home on Pleasant street.

CALDBECK, George, son of Matthew J. and Mary Jane (Sinnott) Caldbeck, was born in St. Johnsbury September 10, 1874. He is the present proprietor and manager of the Avenue House and the junior partner of the firm of M. J. Caldbeck & Son, wholesale and retail dealers in builders' supplies, paints and oils, glass, lime and cement.

The Avenue House is one of the finest, largest and best equipped hotels in northern New England. Its hundred rooms are all lighted by electricity and heated by steam; it has its own system of pure cold spring water, and it is located at the corner of Railroad street and Eastern avenue, at the business center, and within a stone's throw of St. Johnsbury depot. The table is sumptuously supplied with all of the delicacies of the season, the cuisine is the best that money can obtain, and the table service prompt and efficient. No pains or expense is spared to make the hotel first-class in every appointment, and under the morally clean and able management of Mr. George Caldbeck it is securing a well-merited patronage and popularity. He is ably assisted by the genial clerks, Mr. Frank E. Wheeler, who has had twenty-two years' experience as a hotel man, and Mr. E. J. Rutter, also an experienced clerk.

PERKINS, Joseph L., M. D., D. D. S., son of Joseph and Lucretia K. (Hovey) Perkins, was born in Brookfield, Vermont, February 9, 1835. He graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Vermont. As a member of the First Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, commanded by Colonel J. W. Phelps, he participated in the first battle of the Civil war at Big Bethel, Virginia.

Dr. Perkins graduated in Dentistry from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery. He married Abbie J. Peck of Barre, Vermont, November 6th, 1862, and a few months later came to St. Johnsbury and commenced the practice of Dentistry which he has continued most successfully until the present time, a period of more than forty years.

He is an Ex-President of the Vermont State Dental Society and held the same position on the Dental Ex-

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AVENUE HOUSE, ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT.

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amining Board of the State of Vermont.

Dr. Perkins was Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar, for eight years, and for three years was Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Vermont. He is a Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Vermont. A Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of Constantine. He is also a Past Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of Vermont, of the Knights of Rome and Constantine. He is a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33d and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

JOSEPH L. PERKINS, M. D., D. D. S.

McLEOD, ANGUS H., son of Charles F. and Elizabeth (Anderson) McLeod, was born in Glengarry, Province of Ontario, in 1842. His father was a Scotch Highlander, a teacher by profession. His mother was a native of Edinburgh. After the death of his father, when Angus was eight years old, he obtained by his own efforts a good common school education, and at

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the age of seventeen began to learn the miller's trade. He had charge of various mills and finally bought one of his own at Trout River, New York, which he carried on successfully for five years. In 1871 he moved to St. Johnsbury where he bought the Caledonia mills. The plant was at that time in a rather dilapidated condition, with a capacity of not over two carloads of grain per week or 40,000 bushels annually. Mr. McLeod at once installed modern machinery, made necessary repairs and was soon doing a successful business in grinding wheat. Gradually the competition of the great Western mills made the manufacture of flour unprofitable and for the past twenty years that branch of the business has been discontinued. The mills have been practically rebuilt and the plant supplied with all the modern improvements until it now has a storage capacity of 50,000 bushels of grain and a daily grinding capacity of 2,500 bushels, or 750,000 bushels per year, unequaled by any other Vermont mill.

A destructive fire in 1900 burned the two elevators. Elevator B, erected soon after, is the largest in the state with a storage capacity of 100 carloads of feed and flour.

The grain is all handled by power from the Passumpsic river, and with the power shovel a carload of grain is unloaded at an expense of fifteen cents. Two men are employed in the office and six in the mill.

In 1893 the McLeod Milling Co. was incorporated with a capital of $55,000. The present officers are A. H. McLeod, president and treasurer; J. H. Brooks, vice-president and secretary; A. H. McLeod, F. H. Brooks, and J. H. Brooks, directors.

In 1880 Mr. McLeod was elected a director of the First National bank, and in 1895 succeeded Colonel Franklin Fairbanks as president. He has also served as vice-president of the Ely Hoe and Fork Co., and as village trustee and lister of St. Johnsbury.

In 1867 he married Mary J. Rogers of Trout River, New York. They have three children, Charles H., Maude E. (Mrs. J. H. Brooks), and Grace A., all of St. Johnsbury.

HUDSON, HENRY W., son of Joseph T. and Lydia (Farnham) Hudson, was born in Concord, Vermont, in 1844. His father was a carpenter and farmer, and a lifelong and respected citizen of Concord. Henry's education was obtained at the common and select schools of his native town.

During his minority he taught successfully four terms of school in Concord and Waterford, and learned the carpenter's trade of his father. For several years after attaining his majority he was engaged in mechanical pursuits, for two years conducting the sash and blind business, meanwhile building the M. E. church at West Concord.

After clerking a few months in a general store, Mr. Hudson bought the merchant tailor business of C. P. Day at West Concord, in 1872, which he conducted there until 1876, and which has become his life-work, and in which his success has determined his fitness. Mr. Hudson removed from West Concord to Brookfield, Massachusetts, where he remained in trade four years.

An accomplished vocalist, he was chorister of church choirs both at

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West Concord and Brookfield. He settled in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1880, and there applied his natural mechanical ingenuity and his experience of years as a merchant

HENRY W. HUDSON.

tailor in the invention and introduction of the well-known Hudson system of cutting garments. In 1893 he closed out his business at Providence and gave his entire time to teaching his system to the trade, traveling extensively in the West, with headquarters for four years at San Francisco. He returned east in 1898, and after spending a year in Boston, located at St. Johnsbury in March, 1899.

He occupies a fine suite of rooms in Avenue House block, employs seven assistants, and gives his constant and careful personal attention to the details of the business. He devotes his exclusive attention to high class tailoring, in which line he has a high and well-merited reputation as an expert, and is doing the leading business in town.

Mr. Hudson married in 1867 Hannah A., daughter of Jonathan and Roxana (Ladd) Adams of Waterford, Vermont. Three children have been born to them, Charles E., a successful music teacher in South Framingham, Massachusetts, Gertrude (deceased), and Nina Pearl, who is a teacher in the Commercial college of New Britain, Connecticut.

Mr. Hudson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Knight Templar of Palestine commandery.

WEEKS, JAMES S., son of Charles F. and Anna C. (Somers)

CHARLES F. WEEKS.

Weeks, was born at Danville, Vermont, May 17, 1863.

Charles F. Weeks is one of that noted and numerous family of Cale-

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donia county, the descendants of the three brothers, John, Nehemiah, and Jonathan. He was born in Danville in 1827, son of John and Rossama (Brown) Weeks.

Charles F. Weeks was engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes many years at Danville, and meanwhile was deputy sheriff eleven years. He was elected sheriff of Caledonia county in 1870, moved to St. Johnsbury, and for four years had charge of the county jail. At the expiration of his term he built a store and residence in Summerville, and has been in trade here ever since, until recently succeeded by his son. Mr. Weeks has been a member of the Masonic fraternity more than forty years. Endowed with the family traits of industry and perseverance, he has prospered in business, and is an active and well preserved man at the age of seventy-six.

JAMES S. WEEKS.

Mrs. Weeks died March 2, 1899, leaving a son, James S., and a daughter, Rossie B.

James S. Weeks was educated in

the public schools of St. Johnsbury, where he was graduated at the academy in 1883. After being graduated from Eastman's Business college, he entered into partnership with his father in the general merchandise business at St. Johnsbury, which is located on Portland street, and which includes an extensive trade in farmers' produce. J. S. Weeks was a charter member of Mystic Star chapter, O. E. S., which he served for two years as secretary, and two years as worthy patron.

He has been district deputy grand marshal, and in 1900 was elected Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Vermont. He is past Grand Commander of the United Order of the Golden Cross of Vermont, also a member of Passumpsic lodge, Haswell chapter, and Palestine commandery, and an active business man. Mr. Weeks married, in 1902, Miss Ella P. Williamson of St. Johnsbury.

ROSS, CHARLES, son of Abraham and Hannah (Carpenter) Ross, was born in Waterford in September, 1838. His grandfather, Jonathan Ross, was an early settler in the town. In 1835 Abraham Ross bought the fine 200 acre farm, a half mile below Lower Waterford village, and it has since been the family home until Charles Ross moved to St. Johnsbury in 1899. The old red house which was replaced by the present residence, was formerly used for town-meetings and other assemblies, and the place commands a fine view of the White Mountains. Charles Ross completed his education at St. Johnsbury academy, and soon after made a tour of observation in the West, and then returned to the paternal farm. Meanwhile he taught several terms of school.

He enlisted in August, 1862, in Company A, Eleventh regiment, was chosen corporal, and acted as quartermaster's sergeant. With his regiment he joined the Vermont brigade at Spotsylvania, in May, 1864, and shared the fortunes of the regiment until he was captured with fifty-seven of his company at the Weldon Railroad. They were stripped of their valuables, sent from Richmond to Lynchburg by rail, and thence to Danville on foot, seventy-five miles in four days, and arrived at Andersonville July 11, where they remained until November 15, when the fifteen who had survived were paroled at Savannah and sent home. Sergeant Ross rejoined his regiment in May, 1865, was soon after promoted second lieutenant, and discharged in June, 1865. Returning to Waterford, he has received repeated elections to almost every office in the gift of his townsmen, including twelve years town superintendent of schools, fourteen years town clerk and treasurer, and justice of peace, and representative in 1878. He is now a justice of peace in St. Johnsbury. He has been engaged in the settlement of many estates.

Mr. Ross married, in 1866, Miss Arabella H. Cutler of Glover, and five children were born to them, four of whom are now living: Mrs. R. D. Sherry of Groton, Vermont; Carl A. Ross, a lawyer of Chicago; Mrs. Charles F. Wright of Albany, Vermont, and Mabel E., who resides with her parents. Mrs. Ross died in 1884, and in 1889 he married Mrs. Addie J. (Pierce) Marden. Her daughter by a first marriage is Mrs. A. J. Higgins of St. Johnsbury.

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Mr. Ross is a member of Passumpsic lodge, F. & A. M., and of Chamberlain post, G. A. R., of which he is now adjutant, and was formerly commander.

WALKER, FRANCIS, son of Abel and Sophronia (Livingstone) Walker, long and useful career. He came to St. Johnsbury in 1845, and entered the foundry at the Fairbanks Scale works, to learn the moulder's trade, at the price of $100 per year for two years, afterwards receiving from 75 cents to $1.25 per day. The work-

FRANCIS WALKER.

was born in Peacham, Vermont, in 1825. He was educated at Peacham academy. Employed by William Mattocks, son of Governor John Mattocks, as general chore boy on the farm, he early formed those habits of industry and faithful efficiency which have characterized his ing force at the foundry at that time consisted of six men, who were engaged in making stoves, ploughs, hoes, forks, and scales. Some time during the fifties the work was entirely devoted to the manufacture of scales. At the present time the iron and brass foundries employ one

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hundred and sixty men. Mr. Walker was appointed foreman of the foundry fifty-four years ago, and has continued to hold that responsible position until the present time. During his fifty-eight years of service for the Fairbanks company, he has helped to establish many important changes and improvements and followed to the grave two generations of his honored employers. He was elected to the legislature from St. Johnsbury in 1890.

Francis Walker married Louise H. Powers of Lyndon in 1857, who died in 1890, leaving one son, Arthur F. Walker. He married Miss Clara E. Davis of St. Johnsbury. He was an esteemed citizen, conducted the drug business fourteen years, and died in January, 1901. Colonel Walker resides with his daughter-in-law on Summer street. He is the senior employé of the Fairbanks company, a connecting link of the past and the present generations, and highly esteemed and respected by his associates and the public. Mr. Walker is a Republican and in religious preference a Congregationalist.

DROUIN, JOSEPH OCTAVE, son of Jerome and Julia Gilbert Drouin, was born at St. Mary, Province of Quebec, in August, 1847. Being an orphan when seven years of age, he was placed under the care of an uncle, who owned an extensive shoe manufactory. At fourteen years of age, he began to learn the shoemaker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of four years at one dollar per month and board. In the spring of 1866, he came to St. Johnsbury without a word of English on his tongue and with only $1.75 in his pocket. He went to work at his trade for H. A. Mooney. Mr. Drouin decided to learn the English language at once, and to accomplish this result more speedily engaged board at the old Passumpsic House, then kept by Mr. Remick, and remained seven years, until in 1871, he married Marie Richard of Stanfold, P. Q.

In 1874, Mr. Drouin rose from the shoemaker's bench to become a partner in the firm of Thompson & Drouin. After several business changes, in 1877, he bought the dry goods and grocery business of Fred Boucher in the adjoining store of the same block, added boots and shoes, ran this combination until 1881, when he sold the grocery stock, and bought the block for $5,250. Having fitted up the building in good style, he conducted a large business in the boot and shoe line until 1887, when he sold out the stock to O. S. Abbott, and went into the lumber business, in Victory. He carried on this business about six years, handling from a million and a half to three million feet of lumber annually, employing from twenty-five to fifty men, was his own superintendent and made the business a decided financial success.

In 1892 his block was burned, involving a loss of many thousand dollars, a severe disaster, but he did not despair, and soon began the erection of his present four-story brick block, fronting seventy-seven feet on Railroad street and with a depth of one hundred feet. Complications arose that involved expensive litigation and repairs, and he was strongly advised to make a compromise with his creditors, but with characteristic honesty and

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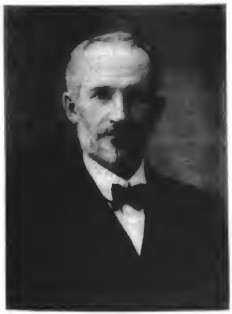
courage, he determined to "win out," and he has labored steadily and successfully to that end.

Mr. Drouin carries an extensive stock of groceries and boots and shoes in a part of his block, and with the assistance of his sons caters to a large trade. Mr. Drouin owns a large lumber dressing mill in Paddock Village; also two large tenement houses on Concord avenue and Railroad street; also extensive



JOSEPH O. DROUIN.

property on Lake View avenue, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Mr. Drouin is a highly respected citizen, has served as a village trustee and is the honorary president of the St. Jean Baptiste D'Amerique society. The children of Joseph O. and Marie (Richard) Drouin are Joseph Edward, who is his father's assistant in business, Mrs. Georgiana Painchaud of Lebanon, New Hampshire, Mrs. Mary Jane Lemerise of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dr. John A. Drouin of Burlington, Arthur, pharmaceutical student, Lucy, and Alphonse Drouin.

FLETCHER, TRUMAN CHITTENDEN, son of Colonel Frederick and Beulah (Chittenden) Fletcher, was born in Underhill, Vermont, October 27, 1845. The subject of this sketch was named for his maternal grandfather, Truman Chittenden, worthy son of that most distinguished man, Thomas Chittenden, aptly styled the George Washington of Vermont, who for so many years piloted the destinies of the little commonwealth and was its first governor. Hon. Thomas Chittenden was for many years a noted citizen of Vermont and the family name is illustrious in the later annals of state and nation.

Colonel Frederick Fletcher was a man of executive and financial genius, a gentleman of the old school, and at the time of his death, January 12, 1898, at the age of ninety-three, was the oldest, with one exception, and probably the wealthiest and most prominent citizen of St. Johnsbury. He was born November 21, 1804, at Woodstock, Vermont, the youngest of a family of ten children. His life covered nearly all of the nineteenth century, the most remarkable period in the world's history.

He saw the militia marching to the defense of Plattsburg in the War of 1812, and heard President Monroe deliver an address in Woodstock in 1817. With a common school education he entered the mercantile business at Underhill, Vermont, in company with his elder

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brother, Thaddeus, whose daughter was the donor of the Mary Fletcher hospital and Fletcher library at Burlington. Their business became very extensive, and in 1842 the firm was dissolved, and Colonel Fletcher retired to Burlington with an ample fortune. Here he was successfully engaged in the real estate business, and in banking, being for twenty years president of the Farmers' and Mechanics' bank of that city. Removing to St. Johnsbury in 1869, he organized the Merchants' Na-

TRUMAN C. FLETCHER.

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tional bank, of which he was president twelve years. Colonel Fletcher entered the Vermont militia in 1826 as chaplain, and passed through the various grades up to the colonelcy of the Eighth regiment, from which he retired in 1850. He was a prominent figure in the state militia, and the first man in Vermont to add the now familiar brass band to the gala occasion of the regimental muster or parade. Colonel Fletcher cast his first presidential vote for John Quincy Adams in 1828, and voted in every subsequent presidential election, joining the Republican party in 1856. He represented Underhill in the legislature in 1843,'44, and '45, and Shelburne in 1861-'62. He owned for many years a fine landed estate at Shelburne, adjacent to the estate of Colonel W. Seward Webb, now owned by Colonel Truman C. Fletcher. Three children were born to Frederick Fletcher, of whom Colonel Truman C. Fletcher is the only survivor.

Truman C. was educated in the Williston, Vermont, and St. Lawrence (Pottsdam, New York) academies. He was engaged in mercantile business many years in the Fairbanks store on Main street, St. Johnsbury, until he retired in 1886, and has since devoted his attention to the care of his numerous investments and the discharge of the many public functions which he has been called to perform. He has been director in the Merchants' National bank and vice president of the Passumpsic Savings bank, and is president of the St. Johnsbury Electric company.

Colonel Fletcher has served as village trustee, and held various town offices. He represented St. Johnsbury in the legislature in 1886, and served as chairman of the committee on claims. He was an aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor John W. Stewart. He was a delegate to the national Republican convention in Chicago in 1884, serving as secretary of the delegation and as one of the secretaries of the convention, and was a presidential elector from Vermont in 1900. He was four years a member of the state board of railroad commissioners. He has taken unusual interest in the cause of education, and for twenty-one years has been a school director of St. Johnsbury and for several years chairman.

Colonel Fletcher is a Knight Templar, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and also of the Society of Colonial Wars, and other social organizations.

He possesses the genial affability of manner and easy dignity of bearing so characteristic of his father, and the ability and character which is his birthright from a distinguished ancestry.

Colonel Fletcher married, in 1868, Katherine, daughter of E. F. Brown of St. Johnsbury, who died in 1890, leaving three sons, Carl Fletcher, editor of the *Swanton Courier*; Hugh P., who died in 1897, and Philip A., who is bookkeeper for the St. Johnsbury Electric company. He married in 1901 Belle F. Small, then principal of the Union schools of St. Johnsbury, and a lady of fine social and intellectual gifts and moral worth.

HORTON, WILLIAM HUGHES, was born in Wolverhampton, England, in 1819. He came to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1847, where he remained one year, pursuing the

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business of merchant tailor; then followed the north-bound engine of the new Passumpsic railroad to Bellows Falls, where he remained two years, and in 1850 came to St. Johnsbury with the advent of the railroad and located on Railroad street, as the first merchant tailor of the town, and conducted this business until near the time of his death in 1895. When he came in there were only three or four buildings on this great business thoroughfare.

WILLIAM H. HORTON.

Mr. Horton was a progressive citizen, a man of taste and refinement, an artist in his line, and the first in town to put in a show case. He served the village repeatedly as trustee, chairman of the school board, and justice of peace. He married Elizabeth Tinling of Penn, England, and three sons were born to them.

William T. Horton was born in 1845 and married Annie Tinling. He was fifteen years clerk in the general office of the railroad and during the past seventeen years has been in the employ of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co.

James S. was born in 1847, and for many years has been connected with the leading mercantile house of John Murphy & Co. of Montreal, Province of Quebec. He married Lillie McLeod, a sister of A. H. McLeod of St. Johnsbury.

Charles H. Horton was born in 1856, and at the age of eighteen was employed by E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., in the dry goods department, where he remained ten years; was then engaged in bookkeeping two years, and in 1886 was appointed to the very responsible position of purchasing agent of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., a position which he still successfully occupies. The sons of W. H. Horton inherit many of his estimable characteristics, his active temperament, politeness, and public spirit. They are enthusiastic Masons, W. T. and Charles H. being esteemed members of Palestine commandery.

BROOKS, FRANK H., son of Dr. Samuel T. and Lucy Clark (Mills) Brooks, was born at St. Johnsbury, November 24, 1868. Doctor Brooks was a prominent physician and highly esteemed citizen of St. Johnsbury, where he died in 1895, after a successful practice of forty years. Frank H. attended the public schools, and in 1886 was employed in the dry goods department of the old Fairbanks store. He started at the foot of the ladder, but his promptness and efficiency soon won deserved promotion. In 1888 he

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entered the office first as assistant bookkeeper, and later as bookkeeper at the store. Meanwhile he pursued his studies at the St. Johnsbury academy, at the same time attending to his duties in the Fairbanks office, and graduated in the class of 1889. In 1890 he was transferred to the scale office, became assistant paymaster, and a year later he was advanced to the position of paymaster and general collector, and continued to fill the duties of this most exacting and responsible position until his marriage. He married, January 29, 1896, Ellen H., daughter of Colonel Franklin Fairbanks, and soon after with Mrs. Brooks made the tour of England and the continent, visiting the great museums and centers of art and historic interest as far as Naples,

FRANK H. BROOKS.

Italy. Again in 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Brooks took a foreign trip, visiting Cairo, and going up the Nile to the second cataract and Abou Simbel.

After Mr. Brooks' return to St. Johnsbury, in 1896, the Brooks-Tyler Dry Goods Company was organized, with F. H. Brooks as

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president and treasurer, W. C. Tyler, vice-president, and J. H. Brooks, clerk. This corporation purchased the dry goods department of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., established on Main street near the Athenæum, the most extensive department store in northeastern Vermont. This business was successfully conducted until the stock was sold to the Berry-Ball Dry Goods Company, September 1, 1903.

He is a member of the North Congregational church. Possessing apt musical tastes and a fine bass voice, Mr. Brooks is a member of that popular combination, the Mahogany Quartette of St. Johnsbury. Mrs. Ellen (Fairbanks) Brooks is deeply interested in that great work of public taste and utility, the Museum of Natural History, the gift of her distinguished father, Colonel

"UNDERCLYFFE."

In May, 1897, Mr. Brooks was elected a director in the Fairbanks Scale company, a position made vacant by the lamented death of Colonel Franklin Fairbanks. In January, 1903, he was elected a director of the First National bank, succeeding the late General William W. Grout. Mr. Brooks possesses a genial personality, excellent executive ability, genuine sincerity, and moral worth.

Franklin Fairbanks. Mrs. Brooks and her sister, Mrs. Joseph T. Herrick of Springfield, Massachusetts, are serving as trustees of that institution. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks have one daughter, Margaret Fairbanks Brooks. Their beautiful home, "Underclyffe," erected by Colonel Fairbanks in 1872, is an ideal nook of nature, adorned by the treasures of floriculture, architecture, and art.

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RANNEY, CHARLES H., son of George and Eliza Jane (Hall) Ranney, was born in St. Johnsbury in 1844. Deacon George Ranney was born in 1813 at Westminster West, Vermont, came to St. Johnsbury in 1841, and settled on the farm now occupied by George Morrill, now known as Maplewood farm, where he resided until his death in 1899, at the age of eighty-six. He was a substantial and respected citizen, served many years as lister, and also as selectman and was for nearly forty years deacon of the Congregational church at St. Johnsbury Center.

The five children of George and Eliza J. Ranney are: Charles H., Crawford, Olive E., wife of F. A. Pierce, Fremont H., and Sarah Jane, wife of George Morrill, all of St. Johnsbury. At the age of eighteen, C. H. Ranney enlisted in Company K, Fifteenth Vermont regiment, Colonel Redfield Proctor, and was honorably discharged with his regiment. In October, 1866, he entered the service of the Passumpsic railroad as a brakeman, was promoted as conductor of a way freight a year later and remained in that capacity seven years, when he was appointed conductor on the Portland & Ogdensburg, now the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad, which position he still fills.

He has been a passenger conductor for a longer time than any other man now living in eastern Vermont, and while his integrity and good judgment have won the approval of the management, his genial good nature and dry humor have made him universally popular with the traveling public. Mr. Ranney has been thriee married, first, in 1870, to Sarah A. Hawkins, who died in 1880, leaving a daughter, Etta M., now wife of B. A. Donaldson of Portland, Maine. His second wife, Nancy P. Bennett of Lyndon, died in 1898, and he married in June, 1900, Mrs. Mary H. (Wakefield) Joubert of Boston.

Conductor Ranney is a member of Chamberlain post, G. A. R., of St. Johnsbury.

JENKS, WILLIAM H., son of William and Susan (Pike) Jenks, was born at North Troy, Vermont, April 23, 1861. His youthful days were passed in that vicinity. Naturally endowed with artistic tastes, he early resolved to be a photographer, and perfected himself by study and practice at St. Albans, Vermont, Springfield, Massachusetts, and Washington, District of Columbia, where he was for a time engaged in special work for the United States government at the Smithsonian institute.

WILLIAM H. JENKS.

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Mr. Jenks located at Newport, Vermont, as a photographer in 1886, and remained there twelve years, during which time he established an excellent reputation as an artist and a citizen, and built up a good business. He came to St. Johnsbury in October, 1902, and located in No. 47 Brown's block, Main street.

It is sufficient commendation of his work here to say that a large proportion of the cuts of St. Johnsbury people were made from photographs taken by him.

Mr. Jenks married Jennie, daughter of Z. C. Blake, of Newport, and they have four pretty children.

Mr. Jenks has passed all of the chairs of Evening Star lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F., also of Frontier encampment of Newport, and is a member of Canton Crescent of St. Johnsbury.

SMITH, WALTER PERRIN, son of John S. and Sophronia M. (Perrin) Smith, was born in Hardwick, Vermont, November 4, 1841. Mr. Smith fitted for college at Hardwick academy, and the People's academy at Morrisville, Vermont, and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1867. He pursued the course at the Law department of Michigan university and subsequently completed his legal studies with Powers & Gleed at Morrisville, and was admitted to the bar of Lamoille county in May, 1869. He soon after came to St. Johnsbury and formed a partnership in law with Hon. Jonathan Ross, which continued until the latter was elected to the bench. Mr. Smith was state attorney of Caledonia county from 1874 to '76. He has served as superintendent of schools. He was elected to the legislature from St. Johnsbury in 1880, and served on the judiciary and other important committees. In 1882 he was elected judge of probate of Caledonia county, a position in which he has shown such eminent fitness that he has continued to receive the unanimous renominations of the Republican party and successive reelections by the people until the present time.

Judge Smith has ever been influential in the political and religious life of St. Johnsbury. He was for several years a director of the Merchants' National bank, is a director of the First National bank, and a trustee and vice-president of the Passumpsic Savings bank. An able and effective debater, he has frequently taken the stump during national elections, and delivered addresses on memorial and other public occasions. He is a member of the North Congregational church.

He married, in 1876, Susan A., daughter of Dr. Perley R. and Louise M. (Lawrence) Holbrook. They have one son, Robert H. Smith, a graduate of Dartmouth in the class of 1902, and is now in the employ of the Fairbanks, Morse Company, Chicago.

Mrs. Smith is an active worker in the beneficent and educational activities of the times, and a member of the state library commission.

FISHER, CAPTAIN LEWIS W., son of Joel H. and Fidelia (Russ) Fisher, was born in Danville, Vermont, in 1838.

Lewis was reared upon the farm, being the only son, where he formed habits of industry and integrity and developed a robust constitution. At the age of seventeen he left the paternal homestead and after peddling

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for a time in Rhode Island, was employed for four years in a shoe factory at Lynn, Massachusetts. Returning to his native town he enlisted in August, 1861, as a private in Company H, Fourth Vermont regiment.

At the organization of his company, he was appointed orderly sergeant. During the winter of 1861-'62 he was confined to the hospital at Camp Griffin by a violent fever, but later shared the fortunes of the Old Vermont brigade in its several campaigns with the exception of a brief service as recruiting officer until he was captured at the Weldon Railroad in June, 1864. Meanwhile he had become a lieutenant and as an officer, after a few days in Richmond at Libbey prison, was sent to the stockade at Macon, Georgia, later at Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, and rejoined his regiment in May, 1865, and was promoted captain.

Mr. Fisher married, in 1864, Alvira J. Fisher and they have one daughter, Fidelia H. Fisher, who resides with them. Soon after his return from the army Captain Fisher bought a farm in what is now the town of Stannard, helped organize the town, holding several important offices, and was its first representative in the legislature. Later he farmed several years in Danville and was engaged in the lumber business in that town about sixteen years. He came to St. Johnsbury in 1886 and there served on the police force. He located in East St. Johnsbury in 1893, and has been in general trade there until the present time and since 1897 has been postmaster. Captain Fisher is an exellent type of the Vermont veteran citizen, an exemplary man of life in every relation. He is a Republican and in religious belief a Congregationalist. He affiliates with Chamberlain post, G. A. R.

PARK, MYRON D., son of Abel and Sophia (Dow) Park, was born in Lyndon, Vermont, March 28, 1846. Samuel Park, his grandfather, came from Newfane, Vermont, and settled in Lyndon as a pioneer in the year 1800, and cleared up a farm now owned by his grandson, William L. Park, which has been in the family ownership more than a century. M. D. Park, one of a family of four sons and two daughters, was reared upon the ancestral farm, and resided there until he was thirty-six years old. He then farmed several years in Wheelock, was engaged in trade in Wheelock three years, and conducted the Caledonia Spring House three years, where he built up a good patronage, meanwhile

MYRON D. PARK.

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continuing in trade. He sold the Wheelock hotel to Marshall Way in 1893, and soon after moved to St. Johnsbury Center, rented the new store of H. M. Scott, put in a stock of general merchandise, and bought the store in 1899.

Mr. Park is a genial and accommodating salesman, and by industry and fair dealing has achieved a good measure of success in business. He carries a general assortment of goods adapted to the demands of the trade, his special features being choice family groceries and provisions. He is now handling feed and flour and has recently enlarged his store to meet the demands of increasing trade. Mr. Park served four years as selectman in Wheelock, and the same time as lister. Liberal in his social affinities, he affiliates with Union lodge, I. O. O. F., of Lyndon, and Passumpsic lodge, F. & A. M., of St. Johnsbury.

He married in 1880 Miss Julia Locklin of Lyndon.

MAY, ELISHA, son of Preston and Sophia Stevens May, was born in Concord, Vermont, in December, 1842. The first American ancestor of the subject of this sketch was John May, who settled in Massachusetts in 1640. Dexter May, a great-grandfather of Elisha, was a soldier of the Revolution. Elisha, his son, was an early settler on Hall's stream in Concord, where Preston was born in 1808. The latter was well known as a farmer and drover, a man of jovial disposition and lively wit. The maternal grandfather of Elisha May was Theopilus Grout (see Kirby), first settler and first representative of the town of Kirby, whose wife was Joanna Willard.

Elisha May was the third of a family of six sons, four of whom lived to manhood, Dan G., Marcus F., Elisha, Dennis E., and Harry H. When Elisha was fourteen years of age the family moved to the village of West Concord. He was known as a very studious youth and an omnivorous reader, and early developed a prodigious memory of facts and principles. His common school education was supplemented by one term of select school at Glover, Vermont, and eight terms at St. Johnsbury academy, under J. K. Colby.

After successfully teaching several winter terms of school, in 1863 he began reading law in the office of O. F. Harvey, Esq., of West Concord. In the winter of 1863 he enlisted in the Seventeenth Vermont regiment, but was not accepted. He enlisted in December, 1864, in the Twenty-sixth New York cavalry, was appointed commissary sergeant of his company, and later commissary of the regiment with the rank of lieutenant, and served until the discharge of his regiment in August, 1865. He soon after resumed his legal studies in the office of Hon. Jonathan Ross at St. Johnsbury, and was admitted to the bar in December, 1867.

For several years he was in the employ of school book firms, and commenced active practice about 1870 and soon after formed a partnership with Hon. H. C. Belden which subsisted one year. He then continued his practice alone until 1882, when the firm of Bates & May was formed and in 1900 Robert W. Simonds became a partner. In 1901 when Hon. Henry C. Bates was appointed on the judiciary of the

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Philippines, he withdrew from the firm. The general law practice of Bates, May & Simonds was very extensive and notable, and the firm ranked as one of the strongest in the state. Mr. May is a walking encyclopedia of legal facts and precedents, and his ability in applying those principles in practice and in the preparation of cases is of a high order.

Although a member of the minority party, he has served St. Johnsbury as village trustee, lister, and member of the school board. He was state attorney of Caledonia county from 1872 to 1874, and United States national bank examiner from 1893 to 1898. He was the nominee of the Democratic party in 1890 for state auditor of accounts, and in 1902 for lieutenant-governor. He was chairman of the committee on resolutions at the last Democratic state convention and wrote the platform, an incisive document that attracted much attention. Mr. May has been a Mason forty years, and is a Knight Templar of Palestine commandery. He is a charter member of Chamberlain post, G. A. R. He married Eunice A. Arnold of Braintree, Massachusetts in December, 1872. Their children are, Florence Joanna, Eunice R., and Beatrice Sophia. Mrs. Eunice A. May has been for fifteen years a member of the town school board and is a former president of the Woman's club and also of the State Federation of the same order.

SIMONDS, Robert W., son of Benjamin S. and Mary J. (Kelley) Simonds, was born in Barnet, Vermont, July 24, 1870. The Simonds family came from Leeds, England, and settled in northern New Hampshire, where Jehiel, grandfather of Robert, resided many years as a farmer and lumber man at Dalton. Benjamin S. Simonds was many years foreman for the Connecticut River Lumber company, first at McIndoes, and later at Lowelltown, Maine. Michael Kelley, maternal great-grandfather of Robert W. Simonds, came from Cork, Ireland, and settled in Dracut, Massachusetts, whence his son, Silas, removed to Barnet, Vermont. Robert attended McIndoes and St. Johnsbury academies.

During his minority, his vacations and a year or two besides, were employed in the sawmill of George Van Dyke at McIndoes, where he learned to appreciate the value of manual labor and its equivalent in money. He began reading law in April, 1892, in the office of Hon. Alexander Dunnett.

He was appointed assistant county clerk the following November, and during the illness of Hon. A. F. Nichols successfully discharged the duties of the clerk of the court. Meanwhile he continued his legal studies in Mr. Nichols' office, and was admitted to the bar in October, 1896.

For nearly two years he was an assistant in the office of Bates & May, and became junior partner of the firm of Bates, May & Simonds in April, 1899. Two years later, after the appointment of Judge Bates to the Philippines, the firm became May & Simonds.

Mr. Simonds has integrity and ambition, a retentive memory, and a good legal mind, essential qualifications for the legal profession. He is an omnivorous reader, and has an excellent private library. He married

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Martha A., daughter of A. C. and Susan (Jenkins) Farmer (see Burke, Vermont) and their home is cheered by an infant daughter, Dorothy Lucile.

ROBERT W. SIMONDS.

NICHOLS, HON. ALBRO F., son of Hiram M. and Louisa E. (Stoddard) Nichols, was born in Lyndon, March 24, 1850. Hiram M. Nichols was a native of Unity, New Hampshire. In early life he was a peddler of jewelry and silverware, and later was engaged in mercantile business at Lyndon Center for many years, which place was his home until his death. He died in 1902, at the age of eighty-one years, highly respected and esteemed. The mother of Albro F. was a daughter of Capt. Alpheus Stoddard, of Newark, a prosperous farmer and lumberman, and a long-time resident of that town. She died in 1853. His native village was his home during most of his minority. Aside from attending the district schools, he attended a select school at Claremont, New Hampshire, the Colby academy at New

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London, New Hampshire, and graduated in the classical department of the New Hampton institute, New Hampton, New Hampshire, in 1871, with honors. Prior to his graduation a part of his time had been spent practice in the office with Hon. Thomas Bartlett at Lyndon. In 1876 he located at West Concord, where he made an excellent public and professional record. He was elected state's attorney in 1878, and

ALBRO F. NICHOLS.

on a farm, as clerk in his father's store, and in teaching school. In the fall of 1871 he commenced the study of law in the office of Belden & May, and was admitted to the bar at the June term, 1873, of Caledonia county court. He continued his studies for some time thereafter with Belden & Ide. He commenced reëlected the two succeeding terms, resigning the office upon his removal to St. Johnsbury in 1883. The law firm of Nichols & Dunnett was formed in 1883 and continued three years. After the dissolution of this firm, Mr. Nichols continued the practice of law alone until January, 1888, when he was appointed

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clerk of court, at the unanimous request of the Caledonia county bar, which office he now holds. Mr. Nichols married Lucella S. Frye of West Concord in 1877, and has a pleasant home. As a lawyer Mr. Nichols possessed excellent judgment of legal principles and precedents, and with good knowledge of human nature and a genial temperament, was a successful advocate. He was made a Mason in Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M., West Concord, in 1880, later dimitting and becoming a member of Passumpsic lodge, No. 27, St. Johnsbury, of which he was worshipful master two years. He was eminent commander of Palestine commandery for three years, and thrice potent grand master of Mizpah Lodge of Perfection for several years. He received the 33d degree in 1888. In 1890 he was elected a senator for Caledonia county, and was an active and prominent member of that body; he served upon the judiciary committee, and was chairman of the general committee, and also of the joint special committee on temperance legislation. He was reëlected in 1892, and served on the judiciary committee and was chairman of the committee on education. He received both nominations, unanimously, in the conventions. For several years after his appointment as clerk, he was the leading trial justice in St. Johnsbury, and has often been called to act as referee and special master, positions for which he is especially qualified by judicial acumen and integrity. As clerk of court, Mr. Nichols has inaugurated a system of orderly arrangements of documents and records that is highly meritorious, and the office is a model of neatness, convenience, and systematic classification.

THE PASSUMPSIC SAVINGS BANK was incorporated in 1852 and commenced business February 24, 1853. The original corporators were Joseph P. Fairbanks, Edward C. Redington, Ephraim Chamberlin, Barron Moulton, Samuel W. Slade, David Hibbard, Gustavus A. Burbank, Jesse P. Bancroft, Charles Blinn, John Morse, Asa L. French, and T. Jefferson Cree. The board of officers elected at its first meeting was as follows: President, Barron Moulton; vice-president, Jesse P. Bancroft; secretary, E. A. Cahoon; treasurer, Edward C. Redington; trustees, Samuel W. Slade, William B. Hale, Samuel A. Chandler, David Hibbard, Moses Kittridge, John McLean, Gustavus A. Burbank, T. Jefferson Cree, John Morse. The first meeting was held at the St. Johnsbury House, and when organized, the business was transacted at the rooms of the old Passumpsic bank, of which Edward C. Redington was cashier. Upon the election of Henry H. Deming as treasurer, which occurred March 10, 1858, the books and papers of the bank were transferred to the store of Boynton & Deming. Here the business was transacted until March, 1861, when Hon. Jonathan Ross became treasurer and the books were moved to his office. Here they remained until March, 1869, when upon the election of David Boynton as treasurer they were moved back into the old store of Boynton & Deming. At this time the amount due depositors was $98,000 in round numbers. The business of the bank soon outgrew its present quarters and in 1879 a room

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was fitted up over Bingham's drug store and the institution, for the first time in its history, became separate and distinct from any other business and assumed the dignity of an independent banking institution. The amount due depositors had now swelled to $600,000, and the number

THE PASSUMPSIC SAVINGS BANK.

of depositors had increased to 3,145. In 1885 the present commodious quarters became the property and home of the bank. The building is a handsome and commodious three-story structure of thirty feet front by sixty in depth. Its walls are solid brick and every part of it is constructed in the most substantial manner. The banking rooms are large and well lighted and attractively finished in native cherry. The ceilings are of corrugated iron. For the protection of its books and papers it has a large fire-proof vault. The building is located on Main street where formerly stood the residence of William Fuller. During a period of fifty years this bank has never passed a dividend and has paid over to its depositors after deducting expenses and taxes and accumulating a good surplus the sum of $1,398,000 in dividends as fol-

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lows: One dividend at 1½ per cent. for two months, two dividends at 1¾ per cent. for six months, four dividends at 1½ per cent. for six months, twenty-eight dividends at 2 per cent. for six months, seven dividends at 2¼ per cent. for six months, fifty-two dividends at 2½ per cent. for six months, four dividends at 3 per cent. for six months, and four extra dividends at 6¾ per cent.

Its board of officers is as follows: President, T. M. Howard; vice-president, W. P. Smith; treasurer, W. S. Boynton; trustees, T. M. Howard, W. P. Smith, W. S. Boynton, T. C. Fletcher, H. N. Turner, L. B. Hartshorn, E. F. Brown, A. B. Noyes, Jonathan Ross; bookkeeper, C. S. Adams; teller, R. C. Baker; assistant, A. B. Moore.

The bank is conducted solely for the benefit of its depositors, to whom belong the entire assets. Its surplus stands as a guarantee against loss, and not only that, but it is the property of the depositors. There being no stockholders to absorb the earnings, this surplus will eventually be divided among the depositors. It is purely a mutual benefit savings association and makes no attempt to do a general banking business only so far as to accommodate its many customers. What better and safer investment can be provided for the small earnings of the working and saving people of the land. A thousand men win competence by quietly saving their spare money where one gets rich by crazy speculation.

PACKARD, LAMBERT. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." The architect who evolves from a mental conception a well proportioned and harmonious structure, is an artist, and in a sense a public benefactor, for the poorest child on the street shares with the owner and builder the pleasure of possession in beautiful architecture. St. Johnsbury is to be congratulated in the possession of many fine buildings and private residences, whose designer is a modest and valued citizen of this town. One of the loveliest suburban homes in this section is "Sheltered Gables," a modern villa embowered among

LAMBERT PACKARD.

trees and shrubbery, the residence of Lambert Packard, situated on the Concord avenue road about one mile from St. Johnsbury station. Mr. Packard has a fine farm of 120 acres, a nice dairy of sixteen cows, and everything in good order. The Packards are descendants of Samual Packard, a French Huguenot, who settled in Plymouth colony, the portion now known as Brockton,

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Massachusetts, eighteen years after the landing of the Pilgrims. Lambert was one of the nine children of Jefferson Packard, there being one daughter and eight sons. The family of Jefferson Packard came to Waterford, Vermont, in 1847, and there Lambert learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade of his father.

RESIDENCE OF LAMBERT PACKARD.

At the age of fifteen he was thrown upon his own resources. He went to Lowell and Lawrence, Massachusetts, and soon entered an engineer's office, and later an architect's office as draughtsman; finally he located in Boston as pattern maker. In 1866 he returned to St. Johnsbury and located where he now resides and there his aged parents found a good home. He was general superintendent in building the Athenæum for Governor Fairbanks. Later models of his designing are the Post-office block, "Underclyffe," residence of the late Colonel Fairbanks, Academy buildings, North Congregational church, "Brantview," the residence of the late Colonel W. P. Fairbanks, Y. M. C. A. building, Music hall, Museum, Pinkerton academy, Derry, New Hampshire, Hotel Wheelock and Y. M. C. A building, Hanover, New Hampshire, and Bradford Public library, besides other public buildings and numerous residences not mentioned.

Mr. Packard married Miss Amanda F. Richardson of Lawrence, Massachusetts, in 1862. They have had three children, two sons and a daughter, Miss Mary Emma Packard being the only one living.

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CHENEY, HENRY M., son of Danforth and Lois (Pike) Cheney, was born in Waterford, Vermont.

Abial Cheney, brother of Thomas Cheney, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was one of the earliest pioneers of Waterford, and four daughters survive, namely: Abial, a veteran of the Eleventh Vermont regiment; Rhoda, widow of John A. Ripley, and Abbie, widow of R. S. Brigham, all residents of West Concord; John, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Danforth of Brookfield, Missouri; Nellie A., wife of A. K.

HENRY M. CHENEY.

in 1789 settled on the Horace Peck farm, and after the early death of Thomas, his son Danforth, found a home with his uncle, Abial. Danforth and Lois (Pike) Cheney were the parents of eight sons and six daughters, of whom five sons and Quimby; Henry M. and Reuben G., located at St. Johnsbury, and Lois, wife of Solon Albee of Littleton, New Hampshire. The members of this family possessed unusual mental and physical vigor; three of the sons served during the Civil war,

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several were inventors, and all were natural mechanics.

In April, 1864, he came to St. Johnsbury and began to learn the machinist's trade with John H. Paddock, and in 1868 entered the employ of the Fairbanks company as a machinist, for a time as a journeyman, but later for more than twenty years as a contractor. He became department foreman in 1898 and now has charge of five hundred men employed in the machine department, approximately the same number as the entire force in the works when Mr. Cheney began thirty-five years before. Mr. Cheney has an excellent social standing, and is popular, not only with the employés, but with all classes, and is a most efficient foreman.

RANNEY, GEORGE, son of Sullivan and Phebe (Huggins) Ranney, was born in Kirby, Vermont, December 21st, 1845. Sullivan Ranney was an energetic and prosperous farmer, residing during his later years on the fine meadow farm near West Concord, now owned by his daughters. George was the youngest of four sons, and at six years of age was bereaved by his mother's death. By a second marriage three sons and four daughters were born to Sullivan Ranney, all of whom are active and useful people. George Ranney remained on the paternal acres during his minority, attended St. Johnsbury academy, and taught several terms of winter school. He then spent twelve years as a traveling salesman on the road for the Hanover, the Montpelier, and the St. Johnsbury cracker manufactories.

He settled in Barnet in 1881 as a general country merchant, where he remained three years. Nearly twenty years ago he established himself in the grocery and provision business on Main street, St. Johnsbury, during a portion of that time with F. E. Potts as junior partner. W. A. Little has been his confidential clerk and foreman for sixteen years.

Mr. Ranney carries probably the most extensive stock of choice family groceries and provisions in town and conducts a heavy barter trade with farmers, especially in the lines of butter and eggs. He is, in fact, an expert wholesaler and retailer of butter and his trade with the hotels and merchants extends over northern New England. Mr. Ranney is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank.

His excellent judgment, integrity, and rare executive ability have been recognized by his repeated election as village trustee and chairman of the board of selectmen.

George Ranney married Miss Eva C. Holt of Pittsfield, Vermont. Their three children are Elsie (Mrs. E. C. Thrasher of Detroit, Michigan), Laura M. (who is bookkeeper in the store), and Carleton A. Ranney. Mr. Ranney has been for many years a member and one of the stewards of the Methodist church of St. Johnsbury.

GOODRICH, HENRY J., son of Leonard H. and Julia (Hubbard) Goodrich, was born in Norwich, Vermont, June 18, 1861.

His father, a cabinet-maker by trade, was a soldier of the Union, and lost a limb at the battle of Fredricksburg. In Henry's early infancy the family moved to Montpelier, and a few years later to Randolph, Vermont, where his mother

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died in 1875. Here he began to learn the tinsmith's trade and completed his apprenticeship by two years' service in Montpelier. He came to St. Johnsbury in 1881 and worked at his trade two years for F. F. Fletcher. The year 1883 is a landmark in the life of Mr. Goodrich.

During that year he became of age, he married Julia E., daughter of Arthur Moulton, became a Mason and began his mercantile career by purchasing the tin and hardware business and stock of A. E. Bliss. This business was then conducted in the room occupied by Landry's drug store, but for the past eighteen years he has been located in Odd Fellows' block. He has added the features of plumbing and heating of all kinds and built up a prosperous and increasing business.

Mr. Goodrich is recognized as a genial and accommodating salesman and reliable business man, and has a host of acquaintances and friends. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, including Palestine commandery and Mount Sinai temple.

His maternal grandfather, the venerable George S. Hubbard, lived with him during his later years until his death in 1900 at the ripe age of ninety-four. Henry J. and Julia E. Goodrich have a family of three children, Freda, a graduate of the Barbour Business college, who assists in the office as bookkeeper and typewriter, Claude M., a student in St. Johnsbury academy, and Vera E.

GRISWOLD, Henry F., son of Franklin and Caroline E. (Wells) Griswold, was born in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, July 10, 1838. Franklin Griswold was a native of Berkshire, Vermont, and Caroline E. Wells of Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Franklin Griswold came to St. Johnsbury Center about 1851, and

Henry F. Griswold.

engaged in the tannery business there two years, then located in East St. Johnsbury, where he continued the business until two years before his death, September 19, 1874, at the age of sixty-six. His wife died four years later. He was a good type of the Vermont mechanic, industrious, economical, benevolent, and strictly honorable in every relation of life. He was the first station agent at East St. Johnsbury. The only survivors of the five children of Franklin and Caroline E. Griswold are Henry F. and Captain Edward F. Griswold.

Henry Griswold received a common school training and one term at St. Johnsbury academy, under the instruction of J. K. Colby.

At the age of twenty, he formed a

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partnership with his father in the tannery business, and he continued in this line until 1893, when the scarcity of hemlock bark and competition rendered it unprofitable. He employed from two to five men, and his industry furnished a convenient market for the hemlock bark of this section. He has continued to finish leather until the fall of 1902. Henry Griswold has been station agent at East St. Johnsbury nearly thirty years, and has discharged the duties of that position with fidelity and uniform courtesy. In 1902 he fitted up the first floor of the tannery building as a warehouse, and since that time has dealt extensively in grain and feed of all kinds.

Mr. Griswold is one of the local landmarks of East St. Johnsbury, and no one has done more than he for the moral and material advancement of that community. He is a member and a liberal supporter of the Congregational church, and for forty-five years has been a member of the choir and much of the time chorister. He is a kindly, liberal, Christian gentleman.

Henry F. Griswold married, in 1870, Miss Lilla C. Johnson of Bloomfield, Vermont, who died in 1879, leaving four children: Lilla Frances, wife of Marcus J. Hovey of St. Johnsbury; Caroline M., assistant principal in Montpelier high school; Grace Anna, a stenographer in the Central Vermont railroad office at St. Albans, and Franklin Merrill, deceased.

Mr. Griswold married, in January, 1884, Flora D., daughter of Palmer and Laura J. Russell of Kirby. They have one son, Palmer Russell Griswold, a student of St. Johnsbury academy.

CARR, Harry Hibbard, son of George W. and Dorcas S. (Hibbard) Carr, was born in St. Johnsbury, September 22, 1866. He was educated in the public schools, and the academy of St. Johnsbury, from which he graduated in 1884. Mr. Carr found employment as a bookkeeper and salesman in Fairbanks' dry goods store until January 1, 1890, when he purchased the N. M. Johnson dry goods store on Railroad street, which he successfully conducted until he sold it in August, 1899, to L. P. Leach. He then acquired the tailoring business for many years conducted by W. T. Horton, which he carried on for a year or more.

Mr. Carr was one of the principal promoters and organizers of the Citizens' Telephone company; was a director and secretary-treasurer from its inception until 1903. In April of that year he bought the real estate known as Potts Brothers' cold storage plant, and deals extensively in country produce. Mr. Carr is an active and public-spirited citizen of St. Johnsbury. He was one of the organizers of the board of trade, and for several years its treasurer. He has been secretary and treasurer and practical manager of the Odd Fellows' Building association. For many years he has been a director of the Caledonia County Fair Ground company, and for several years its treasurer, and perhaps no other citizen is more closely identified with its marked progress and success than Mr. Carr.

He is an Odd Fellow, a Knight Templar of Palestine commandery, and a member of the Mystic Shrine and the subordinate bodies of Ma-

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sonry. He is now serving his third term as selectman of St. Johnsbury.

H. H. Carr married in 1891 Nellie A., daughter of the late Col. A. P. Blunt, U. S. A. They have three children: Mary Blunt, Harold Hibbard, and Edward Milton Carr.

years in East Burke, came to St. Johnsbury Center in 1853, and there conducted the tanning business many years. A Republican in politics, he was assistant judge of Caledonia county court from 1872 until 1876, the year of his death, which

DELOS M. BACON.

BACON, DELOS M., son of John, 2d, and Lucy (Marston) Bacon, was born in Coventry, Vermont, December 25, 1845. John Bacon, 2d, was a man of strong and unique personality, well and favorably known in the business and fraternal circles of this section. He was in trade six

occurred August 11. He was actively connected with the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Vermont, was a Past Master of Passumpsic lodge and Past High Priest of Haswell chapter. His children were Jerome C., of St. Johnsbury; Arzelle A., deceased wife of N. A. Gibbs;

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Roseme E., who died in the army in 1863 at the age of twenty, and Delos M.

Delos attended the village schools and St. Johnsbury academy, and successfully taught several terms of winter school. After leaving school he remained at home and conducted the tanning business until about 1890, when, owing to the distance from the great centers and costly freight rates, the business was discontinued. Since that time Mr. Bacon has been employed largely in the discharge of various fiduciary trusts and official positions.

For thirteen years he has been a lister of St. Johnsbury and, with one exception, chairman of the board. He has been a justice of peace twenty-two years.

For fifteen years he has been secretary of all of the Masonic bodies at St. Johnsbury, after having been at the head of all of them. He was Grand Master of the Grand lodge of Vermont in 1891-'92, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in 1887-'88, and past Grand Sovereign of the Order of Constantine, and has received the Order of the Grand Cross.

Delos M. Bacon possesses in an eminent degree those qualities of head and heart that inspire and retain the confidence and esteem of his associates. He has often been a delegate to county and state Republican conventions. In religious belief and support he is a Congregationalist.

Delos M. Bacon married, in January, 1869, Miss Hattie E. Kimball of Bath, New Hampshire. They have three children: Edith M., widow of W. D. Stone of Lakeport, New Hampshire, who resides with her parents; Lura M., wife of Irvin B. Hutchinson of West Lebanon, New Hampshire, and Perley D., who married Constance G. Hazelton, and resides at St. Johnsbury Center, with his parents at the old home "The Elms," which has been a most hospitable one for fifty years.

ROBINSON, CHARLES ADAMS, son of Amos C. and Eliza (Adams) Robinson, was born in Barton, Vermont in 1845.

A. C. Robinson was a pioneer in securing the extension of the Passumpsic railroad from St. Johnsbury to Newport. He built the large depot store occupied by Tower Brothers and in company with General E. B. Chase, of Lyndon, was there extensively engaged in trade many years.

He was an energetic and public-spirited citizen, a Democrat in politics and as such represented Barton in the legislature in 1837.

Charles was the third son of a family of nine children and was his father's efficient assistant in his mercantile business during his youth and early manhood.

Later he was in trade with his father and also with a younger brother a few years. In March, 1882, he removed to St. Johnsbury. In 1868 he became an agent for the United States and Canada Express Co. and continued in their employ until the consolidation with the American Express Co., whose agent he then became, and still fills that position at St. Johnsbury. Last January rounded out thirty-five years of continuous service, the longest of any express agent on the Passumpsic division.

The local business has doubled in amount since Mr. Robinson came

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to St. Johnsbury and three assistants are constantly employed. He has formed a wide circle of acquaintances and friends and is recognized as an efficient and reliable official and genial citizen.

Mr. Robinson married Emily J. Haskell of Barton, January 1st, 1868, and their only son, Charles H. Robinson, is clerk in the express office. Mrs. Robinson died in March, 1897. Mr. Robinson married Mrs. Anne E. McCracken of St. Johnsbury in September, 1900.

HENDERSON, Rev. M. C. This venerable divine was born at Meredith, N. H., in 1819, son of David and Rebecca (Chase) Henderson. His minority was spent in the town of Hardwick. He entered the Free

Rev. M. C. Henderson.

Baptist ministry in 1840, and spent four years in mission work in Nova Scotia. Mr. Henderson has held six different pastorates, the longest, a period of eight years, at Lyndon Center. During his pastorate at Lakeport, N. H., he received forty persons to church fellowship at one time. He has organized four churches, preached the dedication sermon of thirteen houses of worship, preached nine ordination and four installation sermons, solemnized between three and four hundred marriages, attended the funerals of fifteen ministers, and officiated at 1,024 funerals. On three different occasions he has officiated at the funerals of four different persons at one service. Rev. Mr. Henderson served in the legislature of Vermont in 1856, '63, and '64. He married Miss Susan A. Wood of Hartland, Vermont, in 1843. Their only son is O. H. Henderson.

HENDERSON, O. H. There is no other occupation that brings a man in such universal and constant contact with all classes of the people as the ticket agent at a railroad center, and the genial face of O. H. Henderson is as familiar as the rising sun to the traveling public. He was the son of Rev. M. C. and Susan A. (Wood) Henderson, and was born at Corinth, Vt., in 1857. O. H. Henderson received a good academic training at Lyndon institute and at other institutions where his father was located, and graduated from New Hampton Commercial college in 1875.

In July, 1875, he began to learn the railroad business at St. Johnsbury and was appointed station agent in 1876, a position which he still fills to the entire satisfaction of the public and his employers. During the period of his incumbency the passenger business has more than doubled. There are now

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only two other agents on the Passumpsic division, B. & M., and the St. J. & L. C., that have served as long as Mr. Henderson. He is the

O. H. HENDERSON.

agent for the Allan, the Anchor, the Dominion, and other lines of ocean steamers. Broad gauge in his social affinities, he is a Mason, a K. P., and a member of the N. E. O. P., and U. O. G. C.

But it is in Odd Fellowship that Mr. Henderson has the eminent distinction of having passed the chairs of all the different branches of the order in the state of Vermont. He was a member of the locating committee of the Gill Odd Fellows' Home at Ludlow, and was a member and is treasurer of the board of trustees of the Home. He is now Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant of Vermont. Mr. Henderson married Miss Clara Smith of Woodstock, N. H., in 1878 and they have five children living.

LAIRD, HIRAM M., son of William and Caroline (Moody) Laird, was born in East Barton, Massachusetts, in 1857. Mr. Laird is a hardy, canny Scotchman, and is a scion of a family who for several generations have been stone-cutters in their native Scotland. His father died when he was fourteen years old, and three years later he began to learn the trade of granite-cutter of his uncle, Peter B. Laird, the pioneer in the granite business at St. Johnsbury.

After serving his three years' apprenticeship, Mr. Laird worked as a journeyman twenty-three years for several prominent firms in the granite centers, obtaining a valuable experience.

In 1896 he began business for himself at St. Johnsbury, with four men, but the business has steadily and rapidly developed and at the present time and for the past two years his force has averaged thirty men.

His plant is located on the sidetrack of the Boston and Maine railroad, directly opposite the St. Johnsbury depot, and is equipped with the air compressor, the pneumatic tools, and all the modern improvements. Mr. Laird's stock is mainly obtained from the celebrated dark Barre quarry of Hon. James M. Boutwell of Montpelier, but he is prepared to fill orders for work of any dimensions from any New England granite. Mr. Laird married Clara Ward of North Danville, and three sons and two daughters have been born to them: Caroline is the wife of Frank Taylor of St. Johnsbury; Hiram Jefferson died

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in March, 1902, at the age of twenty-one; Thaxter and Ralph are stone-cutters, as foreman and assistant of their father; Elizabeth is a student at the St. Johnsbury academy.

H. M. Laird also works "on the square" in speculative masonry, being a member of Palestine commandery.

the site, the land, the buildings, the location, one mile from Main street, St. Johnsbury, this is one of the most desirable farms in the state.

John Higgins settled on this farm some seventy years ago, and there resided until the close of his long and useful life in 1883. He was a thoroughgoing farmer and improved his farm. His three sons,

RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM HIGGINS.

HIGGINS, WILLIAM, son of John and Ella (Ide) Higgins, was born in St. Johnsbury, May 28, 1835. Situated on a broad northwestern slope overlooking the village of St. Johnsbury and the crests of the western hills beyond, is a noble homestead where three generations have found prosperity and contentment. When we consider

J. Clark Higgins, George I. of West Concord, and William Higgins, were born and bred here. The latter remained and assisted his father in the management of the 300-acre farm. He completed his education at St. Johnsbury academy, and in 1862 married Miss Julia C. Blinn of this town. Mr. Higgins is a successful farmer and has invested a

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portion of his savings in that safe and sound bank, his farm.

He formerly pursued mixed farming, but in recent years the dairy has been the principal feature. He has recently retired from the active management of his farm, which is assumed by his son, Albert J. Higgins. Forty-five full blood and high grade Jersey cows and twenty-five young cattle are now kept upon the farm, and the milk and cream are sold at St. Johnsbury village.

In 1884 the large barn, 50x100 with entire basement, was erected. The house was rebuilt and another story added in 1894. The implicit confidence of the public in the judgment and integrity of William Higgins is evidenced by his election for thirteen years as selectman, usually as chairman, and four years as road commissioner. He has had a large experience in the settlement of estates.

His eldest son, Charles H. Higgins, born in 1863, is the proprietor of the Ingleside farm. Albert J. was born in 1868 and is a good representative of the progressive Vermont farmer. He married in 1894 Nellie Marden of St. Johnsbury and they have one daughter, Celia. Miss Ellie B., only daughter of William Higgins, a graduate of St. Johnsbury academy of the class of '93, is residing with her parents.

SCOTT, HARRY M. The name of the popular young mail order merchant of Railroad street is becoming almost a household word in this section.

Mr. Scott brings to his work the advantages of a favorable heredity and environment. His father, N. M. Scott, is a veteran and prosperous merchant at Barton, and his mother was Elvira Bean, formerly of Glover.

Harry was born in Glover in 1866, the youngest son of a family of seven children. Educated in the public schools of Glover and Barton, he enjoyed an early and excellent mercantile training in his father's store at Barton, and remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age.

He located in trade at St. Johnsbury Center about 1890, and soon after built the store now occupied by M. D. Park, and remained in trade there nearly four years.

Later he came to St. Johnsbury and bought the meat business of Sylvester & Gray, which he conducted two years. He then varied his mercantile experience by nearly six years' service as a clerk in the clothing store of his brother, A. W. Scott.

In 1901 he began the mail order merchandise business, on a small scale, doing nearly all of the work himself. Buying in bulk for spot cash, and selling for cash, he is able by careful management to quote nearly wholesale prices for his customers.

Mr. Scott takes in farmers' produce of all kinds at current rates, and not only conducts a large local trade, but ships goods to all parts of this section within a radius of fifty miles on mail orders.

He is the pioneer in this unique system of trade. In 1892, H. M. Scott married Abbie A. Hoyt of St. Johnsbury. Their two children are Marion E. and Merritt H. Scott.

RANLET, CHARLES T., son of Daniel W. and Clara Belle (Morri-

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son) Ranlet, was born at Bethlehem, New Hampshire, September 30, 1871.

D. W. Ranlet was a well-known hotel proprietor and manager for many years, and at present is proprietor of Ranlet's Café, the high-grade restaurant located in Avenue House block. Charles attended the Bethlehem high school and the Holderness school, where he completed the course in 1888.

CHARLES T. RANLET.

At thirteen years of age he began learning the printer's trade at Bethlehem, his first work being the printing of the bills of fare at Ranlet's Hotel, and later for all the other hotels. For some time he was employed in Boston and later had charge of the job department of the Nashua *Telegraph*. He came to St. Johnsbury in 1891 and located a small printing outfit over the First National bank. Later he occupied rooms over the Citizens bank until July, 1902, when he moved to his present convenient and spacious quarters in Avenue House block and conducts a thriving business.

His presses, cutters, and wire stitcher are of the latest models and are run by electric power, and he now employs from three to six assistants. His specialties are commercial work, booklets, and wedding and address cards, both printed and engraved.

His steadily increasing business shows the public appreciation of skilful work and reasonable prices. Mr. Ranlet was the first in town to introduce automobiles, and is the agent for several celebrated machines. In 1892 he married Gertrude Isabel Tucker of Bethlehem, New Hampshire.

He affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank.

FAIRBANKS FAMILY. The name of Fairbanks is indissolubly associated with St. Johnsbury, whose progress and prosperity has been largely built upon the great business enterprise of this family. A volume would fail to do justice to the wealth of historic and biographical incident connected with the inception and progress of that great enterprise, and the lives and public services of its founders and promoters. In 1815 Joseph Fairbanks and his family moved here from Brimfield, Massachusetts. He united the occupations of a farmer and a carpenter, and when he moved to Vermont he also built and conducted the sawmill, soon adding a grist-mill, which were located where Fairbanks village now stands. His son, Thaddeus, a skilful mechanic and natural inventor, was his efficient assist-

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ant in these enterprises. In 1823 he started a small iron foundry, and joined the following year by his brother, Erastus, they commenced the manufacture of stoves and plows of cast iron. 1829-'30 the raising of hemp became a leading industry, and E. & T. Fairbanks built three of the great machines for dressing hemp, their works being then located near the site of the hoe factory. It became necessary to provide for accurately weighing the hemp straw. The only scales in use were the even balance and the Roman steelyard, not improved since the days of the Cæsars. The only device for weighing carts was a lever, a stick of timber suspended high up from a gallows frame, from the short arm of which chains hung that could be hooked around the cart axle, and from the long arm a platform on which weights could be placed. Mr. Fairbanks' first arrangement was to place an A shaped lever in a suitable pit, and upon it balance on knife edges a free platform, level with the ground. To keep this platform from rocking on its support, he framed into it a vertical post, well braced and from the top of this attached level chains to fixed posts from either side. This scale was accurate, but clumsy. This great invention was constantly improved, and the magnitude of the operations of the scale company expanded to meet the growing demand for an article of prime necessity. Forty-four carloads of the products of the manufactory have been shipped in a single week. There has never been a strike in the seventy years' existence of the Fairbanks company, and the enterprise exemplifies an almost ideal industrial situation, with mutual and cordial coöperation of capital and labor.

We shall find even a brief reference to the personalities of the noble and public-spirited men who laid the foundations and raised the superstructure of the prosperity of St. Johnsbury, full of interest and inspiration. The original firm consisted of the three brothers, Erastus, Thaddeus, and Joseph. The latter was the lawyer and literary man, Thaddeus was the fertile inventor, and Erastus the business man of the firm.

FAIRBANKS, ERASTUS, twice governor of Vermont, the signer of its prohibitory law, which defeated him for reëlection, but eight years later elected as the first of our three war governors, was born in Brimfield, Massachusetts, in 1792. He represented St. Johnsbury in the legislature in 1836-'37-'38, and was a presidential elector in 1844-'48. He was elected governor in 1852, and signed the prohibitory law. In 1860 he was again elected by the young Republican party. He called an extra session of the legislature soon after the attack on Fort Sumter, which placed at his absolute disposal the sum of $1,000,000 for arming and forwarding of troops.

He was a pioneer in the construction of the Passumpsic railroad, and many years its president. He married, in 1815, Lois Crossman of Peacham. Nine children were born to them, of whom Horace and Franklin were notably connected with the scale works.

Governor Erastus Fairbanks died in 1864.

FAIRBANKS, THADDEUS, was born in Brimfield, Massachusetts in 1796.

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He was frail in childhood and peculiarly timid and sensitive, but studious and original.

The scale was a comparatively simple invention, but many of the machines invented by Mr. Fairbanks for facilitating the manufacture were exceedingly ingenious, and his inventions were not merely for scales, for which and machines for making them he received thirty-two patents. He patented also a hemp machine, a stove, a cast iron plough, a steam heater, a steam water heater, a feed water heater, and an improvement in refrigerators. His last patent was allowed upon his ninetieth birthday, a short time before his death in 1886.

His benefactions to education were numerous in St. Johnsbury and elsewhere.

FAIRBANKS, GOVERNOR HORACE, the second son of Erastus Fairbanks, was born in Barnet in 1820. He became an active partner of the company in 1843, and finally the financial manager of its extensive business. Its annual product he saw grow from $50,000 to $3,000,000. He was from its inception identified with the Portland & Ogdensburg railroad and strongly backed the enterprise with his means, credit, and influence.

He was a delegate to the Republican national conventions of 1864-'72, a presidential elector in 1868, a senator from Caledonia county in 1869, and was elected governor of Vermont in 1876-'78. He was essentially a humanitarian and a philanthropist. His greatest benefaction was the St. Johnsbury Athenæum, that splendid repository of literature and art.

Governor Horace Fairbanks died in New York in 1888.

FAIRBANKS, COLONEL FRANKLIN, was born in St. Johnsbury in 1828. His education was completed in the Peacham and St. Johnsbury academies. At the age of seventeen he entered the scale works and by actual labor in the various departments, aided by a natural genius for mechanics, made himself familiar with the details of scale manufacture. At the age of twenty-seven he became a partner of the firm of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. For many years he was superintendent of the works, a position for which he was eminently fitted. In 1876, at the organization of the firm as a corporation, he was elected vice-president, and at the death of Governor Horace Fairbanks in 1888, he was made president, and held that office until his death in 1895. He was aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel on the staff of Governor Hall in 1858, and filled the same appointment from Governor Fairbanks in 1861. He was elected by the Republican party as representative from St. Johnsbury in 1870, and again in 1872; at the latter session was chosen speaker of the house. For more than twenty years he was a member of the state Republican committee. He was president of the First National bank for seven years, and for more than a third of a century superintendent of the Sunday-school of the North church.

Deeply interested and profoundly intelligent as a student of natural science, especially of ornithology, he presented the magnificent gift of the Museum of Natural History to the town of St. Johnsbury, which was dedicated in 1891.

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KIRBY.

Population, Census of 1900, 350.

Kirby, a township in the eastern part of Caledonia county, was granted to Roswell Hopkins of Vergennes (a former secretary of state for fourteen years), on October 20, 1786. It was chartered as Hopkinsville on October 27, 1790. The town was organized August 8, 1807. In October of the same year, 2,527 acres of the town of Burke was annexed to Hopkinsville and the name of the town changed to Kirby. Theophilus Grout and Phineas Page, the first settlers in town, came about A. D. 1792, locating in the southerly part of the town, near Moose river. They were soon after followed by Josiah Joslin, Jonathan Leach, Ebenezer Damon, Antipas Harrington, Jonathan Lewis, Asahel Burt, and others, mostly from Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

At the first town-meeting, in 1807, Jonathan Lewis was chosen town clerk, Benjamin Estabrook, Samuel Burt, and Joel G. Whipple, selectmen; Philemon Brown, constable.

The first freemen's meeting was held September 6, 1808. Voted "not to send a Representative to the General Assembly." On September 5, 1809, Theophilus Grout was chosen town representative. At this meeting the votes for governor were: For Isaac Tichenor, 18; for Jonas Galusha, 24; and scattering, 2 (showing an early "Mugwump" ancestry). The quarrying and working of granite has lately been begun and bids fair to be successful. Excepting this, and lumbering in the winter, the town is devoted mostly to agriculture and is one of the best farming towns of its size in northeastern Vermont, with productive fields, good fences, and modern buildings and good roads, all well kept.

In the War of the Rebellion, Kirby, with a population of only 425, furnished forty-four soldiers, and three others from town enlisted in neighboring towns, among the number being one lieutenant-colonel, one major, and other company officers.

JAMES CHURCH.

Kirby can be credited with having raised one member of congress, one governor, one state senator, three county judges, and other public officials outside of the town.

Jonathan Lewis, the first town clerk, held that office seventeen years and was one of Kirby's most useful citizens. The family are all removed from town, but are prominent in their places. James Church,

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one of the early settlers here in 1814, succeeded Mr. Lewis as town clerk and served as such fourteen years. He also was town representative two terms, held the position of town treasurer, selectman, etc., for many years, and settled on the farm now owned by Chandler C. Walter. He married Betsey Willis, raised six children, and died in 1875, aged eighty-three years.

Hon. Elhanan W. Church, son of James and Betsey, was for many years Kirby's most prominent citizen, always living on the old Church farm. He married Lydia Gregory. They had three children, Celia, married Reuben Pierce, deceased; Leis A. (Mrs. David S. Young), Luvia A. (Mrs. Chandler C. Walter), both now living in Kirby. Judge Church served his town as representative four terms, as treasurer seventeen years, as selectman twenty-seven years, justice many years, and many other town offices; was recruiting officer during the War of the Rebellion. He was assistant judge of Caledonia county from 1878 to 1882. He died June, 1892, aged seventy-two years.

The Burroughs family were for several years conspicuous figures in the affairs of Kirby, Seth and Horace coming early to town and serving in various capacities their townspeople. Hon. Albert W., son of Seth, was especially useful as a public man. When but little more than a boy he was chosen county surveyor and was always authority in such matters; was town representative in 1843, was selectman fifteen years, treasurer many years, and many other town offices. He was twice elected assistant judge of Caledonia county. He had two sons, Henry and Dan, both now dead, and one daughter, Mrs. Ira P. Lewis, now living in Concord. Judge Burroughs died in 1858, aged forty-three years.

The Newhall family requires more than a passing notice in Kirby history. Merritt Newhall came in the early years and settled on the farm now owned by Mark L. Hovey. He followed James Church as town clerk and at different times occupied that position fourteen years. He represented Kirby in the legislature in 1850 and 1851, and was selectman, treasurer, etc., for many years. He had a large family of children,—George W., living with his father until the father's death in 1876, aged eighty-two, when he removed to California. Abner Miles, M. D., the only physician who ever lived in Kirby, settled in the south part of the town for a few years.

In the early settlement of Kirby there were many men and women who were prominent in its development, the families of whom are gone from us and we are unable to write a suitable sketch of their work. Among them are Ebenezer Damon, Josiah Joslin, Timothy Locke, Orin and Joshua Carpenter, Levi Harrington, Benjamin Nutter and others, all of whom represented Kirby in the legislature of this state.

Kirby received its name from Thomas and Francis Atkinson (who at one time owned all of Hopkinsville) and whose native place was at Kirby, Moorside, York county, England. Among the incidents of early life in Kirby may be mentioned the following:

The boards for the first barn in South Kirby were "snaked" with

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oxen through the woods from St. Johnsbury.

Captain Willis at one time lived alone with nothing to eat but potatoes and salt for some weeks.

Jonathan Leach took his first "grist" of wheat to Barnet, carrying it and bringing it home again on his back.

We regret that we cannot give a more extended notice or procure a likeness of those old heroes who came to this "Northland," and in an unbroken wilderness builded their homes, reared their families, and sustained the principles of American civilization.

GROUT, THEOPHILUS, the first settler in Kirby, was born in 1768, and about 1792 came from Charlestown No. 4, New Hampshire, to Kirby and settled upon the farm which has ever since been in the Grout family. He early married Joanna Willard and there were born to them eleven children. Mrs. Grout died at the age of eighty-one, and Theophilus died April 5th, 1852, aged eighty-four.

Theophilus Grout spent the greater portion of his life in improving his farm and home, although he was often called to public service; was at one time collec-

RESIDENCE OF THE LATE GENERAL WILLIAM W. GROUT, KIRBY, VERMONT.

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tor of United States revenue, represented his town in the legislature seven terms, was justice of the peace for a long time, and a man of large usefulness and influence in all public matters. In 1834 his youngest son, Dan, while assisting his father to arrest a smuggler, at Canada line, was shot and killed.

GROUT, JOSIAH, sixth child of Theophilus, was born October 20th, 1805. September 29th, 1830, he married Sophronia Ayer. After a short time they removed to Compton, Province of Quebec, and remained there until 1848. They reared a family of ten children (some of whom were born during their stay at Compton). Helen M., born December 17th, 1831, married Martin Perkins, died, 1856; William W., born May 24th, 1836, died October 7th, 1902; George W., born June 26th, 1838; Josiah, born May 28th, 1841, was major, Vermont cavalry, in War of Rebellion, member house of representatives and senate several terms, and governor of Vermont in 1896-'98; Sophronia, born September 17th, 1842, married George O. Ford, who was captain in the War of the Rebellion, in Eighth Vermont regiment, and who has had the charge of the Grout farm for many years; Mary, born March 15th, 1845, married Charles H. Dwinnell; Victoria, born September 27th, 1846, makes her home on the old farm; Theophilus, born September 3d, 1848, lawyer; Susan, born September 21st, 1850, married Fred W. Baldwin, died September, 1879; James, born July 3d, 1852, resides on the home farm. Josiah, Sr., came with his family to the Grout farm from Canada, where he re-

MR. AND MRS. THEOPHILUS GROUT.

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mained for many years, being a prominent man in town. He died at the age of sixty-nine.

GROUT, W. W., son of Josiah and Sophronia, became one of the most prominent men in Vermont. When a boy he attended the district school and afterward the Poughkeepsie Law school, graduating therefrom in 1857, then went into the law office of Hon. Thomas Bartlett, at Lyndon; was admitted to the Caledonia county bar soon after. The next year he established an office at Barton. In 1862 he enlisted in the Fifteenth Vermont regiment and was chosen lieutenant-colonel; served during the term of the regiment and was mustered out August, 1863. In 1864 the state militia was organized and Colonel Grout was made General Grout.

In 1865 he was elected state's attorney for Orleans county, and re-elected in 1866. He represented Barton in the legislature in 1868, 1869, 1870, and 1874. In 1876 he was elected senator from Orleans county and was chosen president *pro tempore* of the senate.

In 1880 General Grout was elected to the Forty-seventh congress from the third district. He was elected, from the second district, to the Fiftieth, Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, and Fifty-sixth congresses, always with large majorities, and during his service in congress he was one of the most active and useful members of that body. He was always in touch and sympathy with the people, and when their interests were at stake General Grout always came to their aid, and came with a purpose and zeal that rarely failed. He was the

MR. AND MRS. JOSIAH GROUT.

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WILLIAM W. GROUT.

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originator and main champion of the oleomargarine bill, was especially helpful in pension claims, as many an old soldier, widow, or orphan well know. In 1900 he retired from active public life and spent the most of his time upon the old farm. General Grout married in 1860 Loraine M. Smith of Glover. Two children were born to them, both of whom died soon after, and their mother died in 1868. The general was never married again. In 1902 he was stricken with sickness which resulted fatally. He died October 7th, 1902, aged sixty-six years.

FORD, CAPT. GEORGE O. George O. Ford, son of James and Annie (McKoy) Ford, was born in Lyndon in 1835. His father, James, was a native of Grafton, N. H.; his mother was born at Lunenburg, Vt. In 1864 Captain Ford was married to Sophronia E. Grout, daughter of Josiah and Sophronia (Ayer) Grout of Kirby.

In December, 1861, George O. Ford enlisted in Company K, Eighth Vermont regiment, for three years' service. He was in all the important engagements participated in by that organization. He was taken prisoner at Des Allemands, La., September, 1862; was wounded at the battle of Winchester, September 19, 1864, and again at the battle of Cedar Creek, Va., October 19, 1864. He enlisted as a private and came out of the service at the expiration of his term with an honorable discharge and having served as sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain.

Captain Ford has always taken a deep interest in everything that would be for the advancement and benefit of his town, and has served several years on the board of selectmen, six years as road commissioner,

GEORGE O. FORD.

and in 1888 he represented Kirby in the Vermont legislature. Since 1865 he has resided on the Grout farm.

CURRIER, ALSON. The subject of this sketch first saw the light of day in the town of Victory, Vt., July 28, 1860. He is the son of Benjamin F. and Mary J. (Chapman) Currier. Alson received his education in the public schools of his native town and located in Kirby in 1888. He has always been a farmer. His farm consists of something over 200 acres in the south part of Kirby, and he has forty-four head of stock.

Mr. Currier has served the town two years as constable and collec-

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tor of taxes, which responsible position he still holds, and three years as lister.

In 1887 he was united in marriage to Miss Lorett Glines of Carroll, N. H. By this happy union four children have been born, Edson W., George A., Alice B., and Hazel R.

THE GRAVES FAMILY in America are of English ancestry (being a branch of the family of which the Lords North were prominent mem-

CHARLES H. GRAVES.

bers). Thomas and John Graves came from England and settled at Hartford, Conn., about 1640. Their descendants settled along the Connecticut valley towards Vermont. Two of the grandchildren of Thomas were killed by Indians at Hatfield in 1677.

Moses, the oldest of nine children of Jeremiah and Lucinda (Hubbard) Graves, was born at Conway, Mass., 1781, moved with his parents to Guilford, Vt., married Wealthy Carpenter, and settled at Westminster. He was a slate cutter by trade, working each summer at Hoosick, N. Y. Having saved a sum of money he invested it in land in central New York. The Indians soon after making trouble in that section, he abandoned his claim and came with his family to Kirby, in 1814, and bought the farm now owned by Preston H. Graves, erected a log house and a small barn, left the management of the home to his wife and two children, Charles H. and Wealthy A., and went back to Hoosick to earn money to pay for his farm, going every year, until age prevented, going and coming all the way on foot. As soon as possible the family began farming in the "primitive style." Charles H. dug out a quantity of sap troughs and began sugaring. Going one morning with his sister, Wealthy, to the "boiling place," they found a black bear helping himself. With an axe and a stick and a great noise they drove him away and saved their sweetening for the year.

Moses died October, 1854, his wife having died some years before. Wealthy A. married and moved away. Charles H. continued to live upon the farm all of his life. He married Mary Goodell of Westminster. They had two children, Preston H. and Emmogene M. Charles H. served his town as town clerk sixteen years, justice of the peace twenty years, representative from Kirby to the legislature six terms. He was one of the old school Vermonters, meant what he said, and did what he promised. Born in 1809; died in 1884.

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Mary, his wife, died in 1891. Emmogene M. never married, but lived on the home farm until her death in 1891. Preston H. was born February 5, 1841, and has always lived upon the old Graves homestead. He married Almira S., 1874, who lives on the home farm. Preston H. has been town clerk thirty-five years, selectman thirty-seven years, justice of the peace thirty-two years, and held other town offices; has been notary public ten years, represented Kirby in the

PRESTON H. GRAVES.

daughter of Rev. Lewis and Sarah (Hall) Jenkins of Burke, in 1864. There have been born to them four children, Harry S., 1865, who married Junie Trefren and lives at Barton, Vt.; Nellie M., 1867, who married Guy O. Clifford and lives at Meriden, Conn.; Susie E., in 1870, who died in 1872; Harvey P., in

legislature three terms, was assistant judge for Caledonia county four years, and is at present one of the senators from Caledonia county.

RUSSELL, WILLIE P. Palmer W. Russell, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Kirby, June 9, 1829, and died in the same town, April 14, 1883. He held many of

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the town offices and represented Kirby in the Vermont legislature three times and held five town offices at the time of his death. Willie P., son of Palmer W. and Laura J. (Chase) Russell, was born in Kirby, January 2, 1870, and was educated in the public schools of

WILLIAM P. RUSSELL.

Kirby and at Lyndon institute. He has always been a farmer; his farm consists of 360 acres of splendid land; fifty-five head of stock is kept.

June 7, 1899, Mr. Russell married Ruth Williams of St. Johnsbury. Mr. Russell has served the town seven years as a lister and five years as a selectman, which office he still holds. In 1902 he was elected to represent Kirby in the Vermont legislature.

HOUGHTON, PHIN. C., was born in Lyndon, April 5, 1845, a son of Captain Henry and Caroline M. (Cook) Houghton; he attended the public schools of his native town and Lyndon academy. After completing his education he worked for two years in the paper mill at St. Johnsbury; after this he was employed for sixteen years by E. & T. Fairbanks. He then located in the town of Kirby, where he bought his present farm, and keeps about thirty fine head of stock.

Mr. Houghton married Hannah Morse of Concord, Vermont, a daughter of Hiram and Hannah (Aldrich) Morse. Their happy union

PHIN. C. HOUGHTON.

has been blessed by three children, Ina, deceased, Fred and Roy.

Mr. Houghton has served Kirby as constable and collector, and is now serving as school director and town treasurer. In 1900 he represented the town in the general assembly of Vermont.

YOUNG, DAVID S., was born in Kirby, Vermont, in 1844, son of

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Church of Kirby. (See historical sketch of Kirby.) One son has blessed the union, Dudley H., of St. Johnsbury.

Mr. Walter has served the town of Kirby as a lister, selectman, and representative to the Vermont legislature; in each position he has discharged the duties of the office with fidelity, ability, and to the entire satisfaction of his town. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

NOYES, Ira, was born at Landaff, N. H., in March, 1817. He married Susan Smith of Bath, N. H. In 1848 or 1849 they moved to Kirby and soon purchased the farm upon which he now resides. Three children were born to them.

Charles A. Noyes.

Mrs. Noyes died in 1871. Ira then married Ann Olcott, who died in 1891. He has held many public positions, always successfully.

Charles Austin, son of Ira and Susan, was born at Dalton, N. H., July 18, 1844, and came with his parents to Kirby. He married Amy

Anna Noyes.

Smith of Victory, March 27, 1869. They had one child, Anna, and one adopted son, Hollis Gilbert Noyes, who died March, 1888, aged sixteen. C. Austin has always lived upon the farm with his father. He has been selectman, lister, and held many other town offices; was town representative in 1898.

Anna Noyes, daughter of Charles A. and Amy, was born in Kirby, April 7, 1870; attended the district school until sixteen years of age, when she began to teach and taught several terms. She then took a full course at Johnson Normal school, graduating June, 1891, after which she resumed teaching again with success until 1896, when she entered the Mary Fletcher hospital and grad-

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Huntley D. and Eliza (Spaulding) Young, now in her 94th year.

Huntley D. Young was born and educated in Roxbury, Vermont. He located in Kirby in 1835 on the present homestead of his son, David S. He was a man of force, high character, and sound judgment, and served his town in the various offices and represented Kirby in the legislature. He died in 1889.

David S. has always followed farming and resided on the farm where he was born. He is a man highly esteemed for his sterling

DAVID S. YOUNG.

worth by his fellow-townsmen. He has avoided rather than sought public office. He was for twenty-one years overseer of the poor and in 1896 he represented the town in the state legislature.

In January, 1871, he was married to Leis A., daughter of Elhanan and Lydia L. (Gregory) Church. The Church family were among the early settlers of Kirby. (See historical sketch of Kirby.)

Charles Church married Hannah Little and resided at Hancock, Vermont. They had seven children, one of whom was James, who came to Kirby in 1814. He married Betsey Willis of Enfield, New Hampshire, and reared six children, one of whom was Elhanan W., who married Lydia L., daughter of Josiah and Delia (Hibbard) Gregory.

WALTER, CHANDLER C., son of Lemuel and Phylena (Kibby) Walter, was born in Burke, Vermont, in 1847, and in 1878 he located in Kirby, where he has been a progressive farmer, a wide-awake and highly esteemed citizen. He

CHANDLER C. WALTER.

received his education in the schools of Burke. In 1869 he married Luva A. Church, daughter of Elhanan and Lydia L. (Gregory)

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uated from there, as a nurse, February, 1898. In June, 1899, she was chosen matron of the Brightlook hospital at St. Johnsbury, and was doing good work, with a prospect of splendid success, when she was taken sick and died, September 19, 1899; and there was lost to the hospital and to the world one of Vermont's brightest and best young women.

RANNEY, HENRY. In 1836 Sullivan Ranney, a native of Westminster, moved from Coventry to South Kirby and located on a farm cleared by Josiah Joslin. It was here that the subject of this sketch was born July 4, 1843, his mother being Phœbe (Huggens) Ranney. The farm consists of five hundred acres

HENRY RANNEY.

and has twelve hundred sugar trees, eighty head of cattle, eighty sheep, and eight horses are kept. Mr. Ranney has always occupied a leading place in the affairs of the town and served several years as a lister and selectman. In 1880 and in 1890 he served Kirby as a representative in the Vermont legislature. He has five children, Harry A., Phœbe, now Mrs. George A. Cross of Long Island, Mabel H., Frank, and Florence M.

The farm occupied by Mr. Ranney has only had three owners since it was taken up and cleared, viz., Josiah Joslin, Sullivan Ranney, and its present owner. Sullivan Ranney was a leading personage in his day and probably did more business than any man of his time in Kirby.

WETHERBEE, HENRY L., the subject of this sketch, was born at Lyndon, Vermont, May 25, 1834. His grandfather, Caleb Wetherbee, lived at Westminster, Massachusetts, where Nathan, the father of Henry L., was born. Nathan came to Vermont when a young man and married Tyla Leach, a daughter of Jonathan Leach, the first settler at North Kirby. They had three children, Henry L., Silas, and Mary Jane. Mary J. died when a young lady. Silas became a merchant and died in Maine some two years ago. Henry L. married Emeline S. Wright of Lowell, Massachusetts. They purchased the old "Leach farm" where they resided for many years. The fruit of their marriage was four children, Revillo W., born February 4, 1857, who resides at West Lebanon, New Hampshire; Elmer E., born August 18, 1862, and died December 28, 1896; Alson N., born December 14, 1867, resides at Philadelphia, and Eva J., born November 25, 1877, and lives with her father. Mrs. Wetherbee died November 28, 1898.

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Mr. Wetherbee always took an active part in all public affairs; was lister and selectman many years, represented Kirby in the legislature

HENRY L. WETHERBEE.

in 1872 and 1884, was town treasurer from 1877 until his removal from town in 1898. He is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows, being past grand.

He now owns a fine residence at Lyndon, where he lives.

BENNETT, IRA P., son of Amos P. and Lucia Ann (Kittredge) Bennett, was born in Kirby, November 7th, 1850. When six years of age his father died and young Ira was left to "paddle his own canoe." He lived for some years with the late Harley Hall of Burke.

In 1871 he went to Springfield, Massachusetts, was traveling salesman for wholesale houses nine years, then went into business for himself at Naugatuck, Connecticut, for three years; then went to Scranton, Pennsylvania, and opened a wholesale meat and provision market. Six years later he opened the largest dressed meat and provision house in Philadelphia. Since then he has opened in addition to this one a like house at Shamokin and one at Sunbury, and operates all three. He resides at Philadelphia during winter and has a summer residence at Woodmont, Connecticut.

IRA P. BENNETT.

He married Eliza Tolles of Connecticut. They have two children, Servyle and Marjorie. His mother married again, Austin Barney, who died and left her a widow, and Ira bought the farm and cares for her at the old home in Kirby. Mr. Bennett has one sister, Stella M., who married Charles Howland of Burke.

WARREN, JAMES E. James E. Warren was born August 12, 1859, in Kingsbury, Washington county,

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N. Y. He is the son of James C. and Clarrisa (Colvin) Warren. He received his education in the schools of his native place and located in Kirby in 1885, where he owns a splendid farm of 225 acres and forty head of stock. Mr. Warren has always been a farmer of the progressive class. In 1884 Mr. Warren married Gertrude Taylor of North Concord, Vermont. The union has been blessed by seven children, James A., Etta C., Carl R., Clyde T., Dewey C., and Leigh N.

JAMES E. WARREN.

Mr. Warren has always taken a lively interest in all matters of a public nature and has served Kirby one year as constable and collector of taxes, selectman two years, and road commissioner three years.

REED, NATHANIEL, was one of the early settlers of Concord. He married Susan Sweat of Kirby. They were the first couple married in Kirby. They reared six children, viz., Willard, Samuel, Louise, Rosetta, Cynthia, and Stephen. Mr. Reed died at the age of eighty years.

Stephen married, first, Polly Chickering. They had one child, Adelaide. He married, second, Polly, daughter of Amos and Ruth (Babcock) Hutchinson. There were born to them seven children.

REED, WINTHROP T., son of Stephen and Polly, was born October 5th, 1844. On December 14th, 1867, he married Celia, daughter of Joel and Lovina (Russell) Richards, who was born in Kirby, January 2d, 1846. They have two children, Winifred M. (who married Frank Montgomery and has three boys), Ivanilla E. (who married Fred

WINTHROP T. REED.

Pierce and has two boys). The daughters both reside at St. Johnsbury. Mr. Reed now resides on the old A. W. Burroughs farm in Kirby.

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He has served his town as lister for several years and is also a member of the town school board, and is prominent in public affairs.

Mr. Reed enlisted in the War of the Rebellion in the Third Vermont light artillery and served until mustered out, June 15th, 1865.

KELLEY, ROBERT, was born of Celtic parents in England, and at an early age enlisted in the British army and served as a soldier for many years. On that eventful June day, in 1815, he was, with his regiment, in the battle of Waterloo, fighting under Wellington, and participated in the gallant charge that routed the French army under Napoleon.

He afterwards came as a soldier to Quebec and after serving his full time was discharged from the army. Some years before coming to America he married Mary Ann Needham, and upon his discharge from the army settled with his family at New Ireland, P. Q. There were born to them a large family of children.

Thomas W., son of Robert and Mary Ann, was born at New Ireland, May 1, 1831, and in early years commenced the battle of life so peculiar to that section. Many and interesting were the stories he would tell of his experiences, camping out, in hunting, fishing, logging, and piloting parties through the Canadian forests.

He married Nancy A., daughter of John and Jane Ranney of Wheelock, Vt. They had five children, Henry E., married and living in Indiana; E. Lillian, now in Boston; Emma J., deceased; William E., of Kirby, and one who died in infancy; also an adopted daughter, Annie Wallace Kelley. About forty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Kelley moved on to the farm in Kirby which has been the family home ever since.

Mr. Kelley has held the office of constable and collector several years, lister a few years, and other public positions, always to the satisfaction of the people. Mr. Kelley died January 2, 1903, seventy-one years of age.

Mrs. Kelley and William E. own and keep the old home farm.

NICKERSON, JOSEPH, and his wife, Anna (Berry), came from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, to Westminster, Vermont, at an early date and reared a large family of children. He died in Kirby, October 15th, 1855.

BENJAMIN B. NICKERSON.

Benjamin B., son of Joseph and Anna, was born at Westminster, February 7th, 1808, and spent his boyhood days in that town. After attaining his majority he was em-

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ployed as attendant at the McLean insane asylum in Massachusetts for six or eight years, until he came to Kirby in 1837, when he purchased the farm upon which he lived most of his after life. He was a much respected citizen and served his town as a public officer for many years.

On March 3d, 1840, he married Alice, daughter of David and Alice (Aiken) Ellenwood, who was born

JOSEPH W. NICKERSON.

January 10th, 1811. There were born to them seven children, Harriet M., May 30, 1841 (married George A. Leach), David B., May 5th, 1843 (married Alma Houghton), Alice A., January 2d, 1847 (married Frank B. Newton; she died May 29th, 1888), Joseph W., Lueva J., and Mary L., August 17th, 1853 (who died November 30th, 1876), A. Etta, September 29th, 1856 (married Daniel Davis and has two children). The five children now living all reside in the town of Kirby. Mr. Nickerson died April 28th, 1887; Mrs. Nickerson May 27th, 1887.

LUEVA J. NICKERSON.

NICKERSON, JOSEPH W., son of Benjamin, was born in Kirby on July 11th, 1848. On December 4th, 1877, he married Ella M., daughter of Perkins A. and Lucy (Hunter) Vinton. They have three children, Merbert W., born January 14th, 1880; Mabel M., born July 24th, 1883; Gertrude E., born May 24th, 1898, all living at home with their parents on the farm. Mr. Nickerson has held the offices of selectman, lister, and justice of the peace for many years.

NICKERSON, LUEVA J., son of Benjamin, was born at Kirby, October 29th, 1851. On November 24th, 1885, he married Hattie A., daughter of Perkins A. and Lucy

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(Hunter) Vinton. No children were born to them. Mrs. Nickerson died April 4th, 1901. Mr. Nickerson is a farmer, and has held the offices of selectman, lister, etc., for some years.

LEACH, JONATHAN, the first settler at North Kirby, a native of Massachusetts, married there Chloe Atwood and had two children before coming to Kirby. He erected a "log cabin" on the farm now owned by Albert Barnett, drew in his household goods and the two children on a hand-sled and began his home, clearing the land without a team at the first. The second year he put up the first frame building in town, being the barn now occupied by Mr. Barnett. In this barn was held the first school and the first religious meeting in town. Six more children were born to them in Kirby. His wife died about 1810. He married again and had three more children. He built the first sawmill in town, near his house.

Jacob L., son of Jonathan and Chloe, married first Betsey Smith, and there were born to them five children. Mrs. Leach died in 1832, and he married Electa Aldrich, and five more children were born to them, after which the second wife died, in 1853. His third wife was Clara Martin. He died in 1879, aged eighty-one years.

George A. Leach, son of Jacob L. and Electa, was born in Kirby, January 11, 1840. When about twenty-three years of age he went with his brother, Whipple A., who was captain of a whaling vessel, and spent about six years at sea. The remainder of his life has been spent upon the farm. He married Harriet M. Nickerson, September 12, 1866. There have been born to them six children: Ronello R., born November 28, 1870; Frank H., March 8, 1872; Ardella A., August 8, 1873; Charles W., March 17, 1876; Henry W., February 16, 1880, who died December 1, 1887; Delmer B., April 18, 1883. None of the children are married.

WILLIS, CAPT. NATHANIEL, was born at Lebanon, N. H., July 23, 1793. On November 15, 1814, he married Lucinda Wheatley of Lebanon, who was born November 12, 1792. They had four children. Captain Willis came to Kirby some time prior to 1820, took a deed of the farm now owned by Ira and C. A. Noyes, from Oliver Kane, encountered the usual pioneer trials, cleared up the farm

NATHANIEL WILLIS.

and remained upon the same until about 1848, when he removed to St. Johnsbury. He was one of Kirby's "stand-by" citizens, always

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in demand for counsel and action; served the town as lister, selectman, overseer, and in other positions many years, and was town repre-

WILLIAM P. WILLIS.

sentative in 1839. He died November 29, 1873.

Joel F., son of Captain Nathaniel, was born April 28, 1817, married Eleanor Hadlock (who was born May 18, 1822), on May 18, 1841. Only one child was born to them. Mr. Willis served the town as constable and collector and bid fair to take his father's rank in town, when he was stricken with consumption and died August 17, 1852. His son, William P., was born May 29, 1842. On December 11, 1864, he married Charity M. Young, born 1846.

Three children have been born to them, Mary E., a daughter who died in infancy; Ervin N., born February 2, 1869, resides in Littleton, New Hampshire; Sidney J., born May 20, 1877, who is now a student at Tufts college.

William P. resides on his farm at South Kirby and is at present road commissioner for the town.

THE JENKINS FAMILY. Lemuel Jenkins, a native of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, was born in 1758. He served in the Revolutionary army and was in the battle of Bunker Hill. He moved to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, from Chesterfield, New Hampshire, about 1800, where he resided until his death in 1843. He married Hannah Lewis, by whom he had nine children, Lemuel, Sylvanus, Jonathan, Sarah, Sophia, Wesley, Obadiah, Alanson, and Lewis.

Lewis Jenkins, son of Lemuel, was born in Chesterfield, New

LEWIS JENKINS.

Hampshire, September, 1799, and went with his parents the following year to St. Johnsbury. He was ordained a minister of the gos-

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pel in about 1810. He settled in Burke and owned the property now known as Belmont Stock Farm, and owned by Alonzo C. Farmer, his son-in-law. Mr. Jenkins married for his first wife Polly Griswold, daughter of Elisha and Lucinda Griswold of Waterford. They had eleven children, viz., Orrin, Mary J. (who married for her first husband Orrin Kincade, and had three children, Emily [see Dr. Colby, Sutton], Arthur, and William, and for her second Roswell I. Leach of Lyndon Center), Lewis, and Willis, who were twins; Emily J. (who married John Hicks), Milo, Lemuel, Narcissa, Lucinda (see Joseph Andrew, Brighton, Island Pond), Martha (see Alonzo C. Farmer, Burke) and Elvila Ann.

MILO JENKINS.

ELLEN A. JENKINS.

In March, 1839, Polly (Griswold) Jenkins died and Mr. Jenkins took for his second wife Sarah, daughter of Jason Hall of Newark, and ten children was the fruit of this union, viz., Amelia S., Jason, Almira (see Hon. Preston H. Graves of Kirby), Arthur D., Benjamin F., Susan (see Alonzo C. Farmer, Burke), Alvah Eugene, Edna, Flora (Mrs. Wise of Manchester, New Hampshire), and Ellen V.

Rev. Lewis Jenkins was a man of great worth and unusual ability and sound judgment. He represented the town of Burke in the legislature two terms, and when the special session of February 18, 1857, was called to take action regarding the rebuilding of the recently burned state house, a strong effort was made to move the capitol from Montpelier. Mr. Jenkins strenuously opposed the measure, and by his clear, concise, and forcible argument did much and perhaps more than any

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Sincerely Youre,
William H. Jeffreys

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This locality was for many years known as "Jeffrey's Neck." About 1629 William Jeffrey of Chittingly, Eng., and commonly referred to in early New England history as "William of Weymouth," located on the north side of Agamenticus mountain in York county, Maine, and it is claimed by some historians that this dates the first permanent settlement in the Pine Tree State.

He married Mary Gould, sister of John and Daniel Gould, of Newport, Rhode Island. They had six children: Mary, who was born at Weymouth, January 20, 1642, and married John Green of Newport; Sarah, who married Barzilla Barker of Rowley, Massachusetts; Susannah, Priscilla, John, and Thomas.

William Jeffrey left Maine in 1671, and went to live with his daughter, Mary Green, at Newport, where he died January 2, 1675, aged eighty-four years.

William H. Jeffrey, subject of this sketch, is of the eighth generation from "William of Weymouth." He was born in Kennebunkport, Maine, April 8, 1867, son of Eleazer and Lydia Jane (Clough)Jeffrey.

Mr. Jeffrey received his education in the public schools of Biddeford, Maine, and read law with the well-known law firm of Hamilton & Cleaves of that city. He served two terms as tax assessor of Ward three in that city.

June 12, 1891, he married Nellie Amelia Jenkins of Kirby, Vermont, daughter of Milo and Ellen A. (Ethridge) Jenkins, by whom he has had three children, Marion Betsey, Milo Eleazer, who died in infancy, and J. Milo.

Mr. Jeffrey has devoted a greater part of his time to travel, newspaper, magazine, and book work and has published many souvenir and historic works of value. He located in Vermont in 1902.

DUNTON FARM, THE. Never in all her long centuries of wonderful picturing was Dame Nature in a gentler or more artistic mood than when with her giant brush and divine inspiration she fashioned the wonderful setting that was destined thousands of years after to be the town of Kirby, and in no part of this beautiful region was she more kind than in that portion where rests the Dunton farm. For centuries upon centuries these grandeurs were for the eyes that knew naught else, for the red man and his fellows, who made the products of the streams their sustenance and its fertile lands their happy hunting grounds. Then came Peter Page, before the year 1800, the sturdy pioneer with his woodman's axe, and carved himself a home from the richness that was his for the asking.

Peter Page purchased the westerly side of Lot No. 37, which embraces the Dunton farm. His deed was from John Atkinson and dated December 1, 1806. He cleared the land and built a house here on the bank of the Moose river. Page had a large family and was of an advanced age, and in 1810 he deeded his farm to his son, Phineas, conditioned upon his support during his lifetime. An amusing condition among others was, "That the said Phineas shall furnish the said Peter with three glasses of good spirituous liquor every day." Several generations of the Pages were reared here and much of historic interest has occurred on this spot,

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which is one of the prettiest locations in Caledonia county, lying on a southerly slope overlooking the Moose River valley and being only five minutes' drive from post-office, stores, railroad station, church, and school. The buildings are new and

WILLIAM S. DUNTON.

commodious, with all the modern conveniences, and is all in all a beautiful and tasty farm home.

William S. Dunton was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but has lived in Vermont most of his life. October 27, 1898, he was married to Maud L. Pearson of St. Louis, Missouri, daughter of Wesley R. Pearson, formerly of Kirby. Her father, Wesley R. Pearson, was a son of Gilbert, who married Clarinda Ford, daughter of Robert Ford of Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunton bought their beautiful home from the estate of Hosea Bartlett and have made marked improvements. The children are Lucy Ray, Robert Ford, and Algernon Piercy.

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BURKE.*

Population, Census of 1900, 1,184.

The town of Burke was chartered February 26th, 1782, by Thomas Chittenden, governor of the "Independent Republic of the Green Mountains," Joseph Fay, secretary. Most of the grantees were inhabitants of Litchfield county, Connecticut, though among them we recognize the names of Ira Allen, Samuel Safford, John and Agnes Strong, and John Strong, Jr.,—all patriots in the early days of Vermont who doubtless received grants of land in this as in many other townships in return for services to the struggling state.

The charter of Burke was confirmed by the admission of Vermont to the Union in 1791, and in 1800 a copy, certified by Roswell Hopkins, then secretary of state, was engrossed on the town records. The survey took place in 1787, when Captain Uriah Seymour, one of the original proprietors, and Seth Spencer allotted the land. The town was divided into two divisions and each proprietor received a right of 160 acres in each division, reserving five rights to public uses as provided by the charter, viz., to state college, county grammar school, town school, minister's support, and one right to the first settled minister. Five rights of unassigned land remained, of which a third division was made in 1805, about eleven acres to each owner.

A gore, called in the old records "Burk Tung," containing 3,400 acres lying on the west side of Kirby mountain, was set off, with Hopkinsville on the east side of the mountain, in 1807, to form the township of Kirby. The original estimate fell too low, there still remaining to Burke an area of 20,320 acres.

In 1791 came Benjamin Belden, surveyor and agent for the owners in Connecticut. He came on horseback and camped on a little natural meadow not far from the present village of East Burke. He visited the town every summer for fifteen years and through him sales of land to settlers were effected. Lemuel Walter of Litchfield county, Connecticut, made the first clearing in the summer of 1792. It was on the high ridge of land which runs through the center of the town, just north of the Lyndon line, and is now a part of Mountain-view farm. Here he lived two summers and a winter in a log hut with only wild beasts for companions. He brought his family to Burke in 1794, and the next year they were joined by the families of Godfrey Jones, who settled just north of Walter; Ranney Spencer, who cleared and built a cabin on the Humphrey land but soon removed to the west of Burke Green; Barnabas Thurber, on the farm now owned by Mr. Dodge; William Barbour on Burke Green; and Samuel and David Colefix near the East Haven line. Only one of the original proprietors settled in Burke, Ozias Humphrey, whose lineal descendant, Julius A. Humphrey, still owns and occupies his land. The desirable high land was soon taken up and the settlers who flocked in by scores after the first

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clearings were made were obliged to seek homes to the east and west in the valleys. Among those who came to Burke prior to or about 1800 were Roman Fyler, Dan White, Abner Coe, Thomas Bartlett, Elder Peleg Hicks, Matthew Cushing, John, Norris, and Augustus Walter, Benjamin Farmer, Samuel Stanford, Isaac Denison, Daniel Newell, Titus Newell, Daniel Gleason, George

Old White School House.

Nichols, William Woodruff, and William Godding. All these families, excepting that of George Nichols, have descendants in the town or vicinity to-day.

The organization of Burke took place at the house of Lemuel Walter, December 5th, 1796. There were present Joseph Lord, justice of the peace of St. Johnsbury, Lemuel Walter, Barnabas Thurber, Godfrey Jones, and Ira Walter. Though there may have been others, it is probable that these were all of voting age then resident in town. The records show that Lemuel Walter was unanimously chosen moderator "to govern said meeting who is notified thereof and is in the chaire," that "the said Lemuel Walter is unanimously chosen town clerk," that Mr. "Barnabas Thurber is made first selectman, Mr. Godfrey Jones, second selectman, and the said Lemuel Walter, third selectman, and Mr. Ira Walter, constable."

The first regular town meeting was held the following March, when Barnabas Thurber became moderator, Lemuel Walter, town clerk, Barnabas Thurber, David Colefix, and Godfrey Jones, selectmen, Ira Walter, constable, and Barnabas Thurber, surveyor of highways. "Then

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voted to tax the inhabitants twopence on the acre for all the land they own in Burke, to be worked out on the roads in said town."

From this time the town grew rapidly until all the land was taken. The first grand list, made in 1801, shows forty-five polls, 116 acres of improved land, cattle and horses valued at $1,086, and three silver watches. At freeman's meeting, 1810, fifty-four votes were recorded. The years 1811 and 1812 were hard ones. Wheat was received for taxes at $1 per bushel. The town purchased a supply of ammunition and was prepared for the ever-dreaded attacks of English and Indians.

After this time the gain in wealth and members was slow but steady. In 1850 there were 1,100 inhabitants.

The Burke Historical society was organized in 1895 and leased the "Old White School House," so called, which had been condemned for school purposes. For the rooms and museum of the society much valuable historical matter and many ancient articles have either been loaned or contributed to the society.

The organization took place in October, 1895. The officers chosen were: President, E. A. Darling of New York; vice-president, I. B. Bemis; recording secretary, Mrs. Addie Godding; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Walter; museum directors, Bion Humphrey and G. H. Page.

THE OLD UNION MEETING HOUSE. A history of the old meeting-house really comprises the history of all religious development in Burke, since all denominations grew out of the first society established, and the meeting-house itself became for many years the home of all.

As soon as communication was established by opening roads, Burke, following her Puritan instincts, took steps toward providing public worship. In March, 1798, a town committee was appointed "to treat with Elder Peleg Hicks to come and preach with us." The negotiations seem to have been successful, for the next month an adjourned town-meeting gave Elder Hicks sixty acres of land off the minister's right. In July he was granted sixty acres more. Then disagreements arose and in 1799 the advice of Esquire Cahoon of Lyndon was sought. A majority of the settlers were Baptists, though there were some whose early associations were with other modes of belief. The first religious society, organized in April, 1801, was Baptist, and at a special town-meeting in September of that year Elder Hicks, the Baptist preacher, was voted to be the first settled minister of the gospel in Burke. In the succeeding years two parties arose. The Baptists, under the leadership of Barnabas Thurber, who was the son-in-law of Elder Hicks and first deacon in the church, supported their old Scotch pastor in his claim to the land granted by the charter of Burke to the first settled minister.

On the town records, June, 1806, we find the following:

"CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS IN BURKE.

"We, the subscribers, do hereby certify that we do not agree in religious opinions with a majority of the inhabitants of this town.

"GEORGE NICHOLS, ELAM WHITE,
JOHN WOODRUFF, EZRA ANDREWS,
AZEL PAINE, CHAUNCEY BURRINGTON,
E. BURRINGTON, AARON HANDERSON,
TIMOTHY FISHER, JR. MOSES SEVERANCE.
OZIAS HUMPHREY, ALDEN COOLEY."

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In January, 1807, two more prominent citizens, William Barbour and C. Asher Flower, filed their dissent.

The next month, February, 1807, the first Congregational church was organized with eleven members. the expenses of his installation were paid by the town. He remained with the Baptists until 1809 when, at his own request, he was dismissed.

The three societies struggled along. By additions from new com-

UNION MEETING-HOUSE, BURKE HOLLOW, VERMONT.

Most of the other dissenters were Universalists, who did not organize until 1815, although they held meetings whenever they could obtain a preacher. Elder Hicks was finally installed pastor, May 1, 1807, and ers who flocked into town between 1810 and 1820, their numbers gradually increased until, in 1825, the Baptists numbered fifty-seven, the Universalists fifty-three, the Congregationalists forty-eight, and the

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Methodists, though not present in large numbers, were sufficient to form a class.

Meetings were held at the town house on the Green and at private houses. The town house, however, was out of repair and its location was inconvenient. The audiences had outgrown house or barn services. In 1825 the question of a union meeting-house was agitated. Daniel Wellman, a leading Baptist, who afterwards became a Universalist preacher, took a prominent part in the movement. A meeting of all the inhabitants of Burke was called to discuss the question. The result was the formation of a joint company for the building of a union house.

This meeting of citizens was held April 2, 1825, with Daniel Wellman, moderator, and Isaac Denison, clerk. A committee reported as to a site and George W. Denison, Timothy Fisher, Isaac Denison and Roman Fyler were appointed to draw a plan and draft a constitution.

An adjourned meeting was held the following week, a site was accepted and a general plan of building was adopted, the use of the house to be divided equally between the four societies who joined in its building; funds were to be provided by selling shares of the "Meeting House company," the belfry to be built by private subscription.

The officers chosen under this constitution were Barton N. Fyler, clerk; George W. Denison, chairman of committee; Timothy Fisher, for the Congregationalists; Roman Fyler, for Methodists; Sylvester Hall, for Universalists; Isaac Denison, for Baptists; Titus Newell, treasurer; Ira Walter, collector.

The plan provided for a house, 40x55 feet, with sixty slips and a gallery for singers over the lobby or entry. The sale of slips took place at the schoolhouse in Burke Hollow April 26. The notes of the subscribers were taken, payable, "one third in good saleable neat cattle in the following October or in merchantable grain the January after. The balance in cattle in October, 1826, or grain in January, 1827, with interest." Captain Elam White was chosen vendue-master and "the meeting proceeded to bidding."

Here, no doubt, culminated the interest in the acts of the Burke Meeting House company. These pioneers, most of whom found existence a hard struggle, were, nevertheless, about to bind upon their backs a heavier load in order to obtain that home so dear to every New Englander,—a suitable house of worship. The total amount raised by the sale was $1,714.75. The highest bids were $40, the lowest $17, the average being $29.50. Among the first pew owners we find the names of Ebenezer Darling, Erastus Humphrey, Matthew Cushing, and Uzziah Farmer.

The effort to build a belfry was not successful and no provision was made for heating the church, nor was it painted at first. Otherwise the original plan was strictly followed, and as no alterations have ever been made, the old meeting-house, save for its fresh coat of paint, remains as it was when first built.

The first payment of notes was due in the fall that the building was completed. We have no doubt that in this case the "bleating of the

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sheep and the lowing of the oxen" were held in delight of the Lord.

Two stoves, with sufficient pipe, were purchased for the meeting-house in 1828. It is uncertain when the house was painted, probably in 1842. In 1859 thorough repairs were made. The roof was shingled, a chimney built, and it was re-painted upon the inside. At this time a subscription was raised sufficient to add the long-desired belfry and to buy a bell. The general expense was met by a tax levied on the slips and as many of these remained unpaid, a collector's sale transferred the slips to new owners, who have held them ever since.

INTERIOR OF UNION MEETING-HOUSE, BURKE HOLLOW, VERMONT.

Upon the completion of the house in August, 1826, the Meeting House company took steps towards dedicating the church, which occurred the third Wednesday in September.

Beginning with the first Sunday in January, 1827, the order of denominations in occupying the house was: First, Congregational; second, Universalist; third, Baptist; fourth, Methodist. The same congregation and singers assembled each Sabbath, no matter what was the preaching. How abundant the doctrines served up to our fathers in that old church. Plain, severe Puritanism, fervent Methodism, the simple but exclusive belief of the Baptist, and the all-embracing Universalism, and all in the compass of a month! Church attendance at that time was a point of conscience and honor. Exhausted by the labors of the week, the honest farmers dozed in their closed pews, "laboring the body for the good of the soul," while the thunder of conflicting creeds rolled harmlessly from the barrel pulpit over their heads.

Behind the red curtains of the

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gallery sat the singers, often fifty in number. "Burke singers" were famous all over the county. Matthew Cushing was their chorister for many years; Martin Doyle played the violin or clarinet, and Daranzel Cushing the double bass. In later years William G. Denison provided a small melodeon upon which his daughter played. The singers came from all denominations and from all parts of the town. There were Squire Hall's thirteen children, all good singers; William Godding, who could "bugle" (yodel) so that the call could be heard two miles away; all the Smiths, Sophie, Wealthy, Frinda, Almon, and Charles; Captain Lem Hall, fat, jolly, and not always sober; the Fylers, the Trulls, and many beside.

Rev. John E. Palmer was the first minister ordained in Burke. We find on the town records that he was ordained June 6, 1810, "by fasting and prayer and laying on of hands of elders." Ordained a Baptist he also turned Universalist, and after Mr. Wellman's departure he supplied Burke Hollow for fifteen years.

In 1848 Rev. L. H. Tabor, a noted and much-beloved man, was employed one half the time. The society increased under him until it numbered 110 members. He remained six years. Then followed another series of supplies, mainly by Revs. Palmer and Scott, until, in 1871, the society removed to its new church at West Burke.

The General Baptists were organized in 1830 with six members. Rev. Jonathan Woodman preached until 1834, when Rufus Godding was ordained and became their pastor. In 1840 the old Baptist society, then reduced to eight members, joined them. This church soon became the most influential in town, largely through the efforts of Elder Godding, who made this field his lifework. In 1855 the Baptists sold their interest in the Burke Meeting House company and removed to East Burke, where they built a church. Elder Godding went with them and labored until his death in 1865.

Rev. Nathan Denison, a successful Baptist preacher, was ordained and baptized into this church. He is remembered by the older people as he stood in the high pulpit of the meeting-house laboring, with the perspiration dripping from every pore, an earnest and forcible speaker.

An old chronicle says: "The records of the Methodist church in Burke are like footprints in the sand which have been covered up by the passing wind." The fathers of the church in Burke were Matthew Cushing, Augustus Walter, and Romanta Humphrey. John Lord was the presiding elder in 1828. It was a happy day when they secured a fourth interest in the Old Burke meeting-house. A new church of their own was built at East Burke in 1843, and by 1858 they withdrew entirely from Burke Hollow.

The first Congregational church was organized in 1807 by a secession from the Baptists. There were eleven in number. The society was received into communion with other Congregational churches by Rev. John Fitch, pastor at Danville, March 1, 1807. Its early years were full of privations and hardships, but the little church held together, some times hiring a neighboring clergyman to preach for them, sometimes remembered by the missionaries on

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their rounds. Up to the year 1825 the church had enrolled a membership of forty-eight. Under the impetus given by the building of the Union house at the Hollow, it increased until, in 1837, the first settled pastor, Rev. Thomas Duncan, was installed. Mr. Duncan was dismissed at his own request in 1839 and was succeeded by Rev. S. M. Wheelock, who remained with the church two years. Then the Rev. John Clark preached for ten years.

He was a moderate man, an old-fashioned preacher, and during the ten years only twenty-four additions were made to the church. After his departure the situation became even more gloomy.

Services seem to have been for a time discontinued. In 1856 the church was again assembled by Rev. Mr. Wellington. It was decided to sustain a weekly prayer meeting alternating between the villages. Interest began to increase and the missionary society sent men to help. Rev. Richard Cordley, Henry Fairbanks, Thomas Kidder, F. D. Ayer, E. Mix, and O. Pearson supplied at different times during 1856 and 1857. Meetings were held one fourth at East Burke and three fourths the time at Burke Hollow. It was at such a time of awakening interest that a young divinity student from New York, Edwin P. Goodwin, came to Burke. He preached during the summer of 1858 and returned again the next year. He was ordained at East Burke November 10, 1859.

The young pastor was full of energy and enthusiasm. He was anxious for the society, which by this time was mainly centered at East Burke, to build a new church in that village.

In 1865 the new Baptist church at East Burke was bought for the society by Mr. Alfred B. Darling of New York, who for many subsequent years retained his membership and interest in this church. The society at once withdrew from the meeting-house at the Hollow, though still retaining their share in the building.

Thus was the old house deserted by its children, one after another. For years it was opened only out of curiosity or to accommodate some neighboring clergyman who proffered an occasional service. In November, 1894, Miss Jennie Gale and Miss Martha Brokaw, state evangelists, came to Burke Hollow. The courage and devotion of these Christian girls are best proven by the labor they undertook. As soon as the citizens understood what the movement meant, the people of Burke Hollow responded cordially. In 1895 Alfred B. Darling of New York became aware of the movement and headed with a generous sum a subscription for repairing the old meeting-house. These repairs added to the cleanliness and comfort of the old church while altering none of its ancient and curious features. It stands to-day substantially as it was when built in 1825, true and staunch, of excellent proportions, and on a goodly site. It was rededicated June 28, 1896, with appropriate ceremonies and now stands ready to receive once more the large audiences which once crowded its ample floor.

MOUNTAIN VIEW FARM is perhaps one of the best examples of modern farming conducted along intelligent lines in Vermont. The estate consists of more than one

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thousand acres and embraces the historic estates of Lemuel Walter, Sylvester Hall, Benjamin Belden, Godfrey Jones, and a part of the farm of Abner Howland, together with several miscellaneous tracts of land. The view from this beautiful estate is one of the most charming in this section of the state. As far as the vision can extend is to be seen giant mountains, beautiful valleys with fertile farms and the pleasant village of East Burke, while in the distance may be had

"Glimpses of chimneys and gabled eaves,
Through green elm arches and maple leaves,
Old homes sacred to all that can
Gladden or sadden the hearts of man—
And round and round, over valley and hill,
Old roads winding as old roads will."

With its elegant and commodious mansions, its many barns, its creamery, poultry houses, and out-buildings, "Mountain View" looks like "a city set on a hill," and as the evening shadows fall,—

"A dreamy beauty haunts the distant hill,
And all the meadows softly blurred, are still;
From the dark wood a whip-poor-will sings clear,
The only sound that breaks the silence near."

DARLING, EBENEZER, son of Peter Darling of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, was born in 1788. He was a soldier of the War of 1812 and came to Burke at the close of the war and cleared land between the farms of Elder Hicks and Abner Coe.

He married Abigail Fisher of Claremont, New Hampshire, a sister of Timothy Fisher, a new settler in Burke. Eight children were born to them. Major Darling was a man of energy, ability, and a stern disciplinarian. He served Burke in several town offices and was in 1828-'30 her representative in the legislature. He died in 1858.

Henry G., eldest son of Ebenezer, was born August 15th, 1816, and with the exception of a few years he always lived in Burke. He married Mehitable, daughter of Cummings and Louise (Quimby) Whitcomb of Lyndon in 1845. Mrs. Darling came from some of the bravest old colonial stock, and her grandfather and two of his brothers, Nathaniel and Major Benjamin, served in the Revolutionary war.

Major Benjamin Whitcomb was one of Essex county's most energetic men before the war. How he obtained his major's commission is graphically told by David Goodall, to whom Major Whitcomb related the incidents. His narration is as follows:

"Major Whitcomb was the most prominent pioneer, trapper, and hunter in Essex county, often spending months at a time in the wilderness, subsisting upon game, and falling in frequently with Indians, and camping and hunting with them, always taking pains to conciliate them and secure their friendship.

"At one time he found an Indian in early winter, alone, nearly starved, his gun-lock having broken,

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"Mountain View Farm," Elmer A. Darling, East Burke, Vermont.

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and took him to his camp and fed and kept him there three weeks, and trapped with him and divided furs, and gave him food to last him home.

"Major Whitcomb served under General Putnam in the old French war, was in several fights, and taken prisoner by the Indians and carried to Quebec. He often wrestled, ran, and shot at a mark with the Indians, but always managed to let them beat him, as it would have given great offense to beat them. After Ticonderoga was taken by Colonel Ethan Allen, Major Whitcomb hastened there and served as a scout. The commander of the fort received a circular from General Washington, saying that he wished to retaliate upon the British officers for the wanton butcheries and massacres of women and children by the British Indians; and, to accomplish it, he offered any American soldier who would go into Canada and waylay and shoot a British general, a major's commission and pay in the American army, a captain's commission for a colonel, etc. Whitcomb and two others volunteered to go and try. One man deserted before reaching the line. Whitcomb and his companion pursued their way to near Three Rivers, and ascertained that a brigade of British soldiers and some Indians were about to move towards the line in a few days, and the route they would go. Whitcomb selected a place of ambush and made ready. The night before the British were to move, Whitcomb's companion, alarmed by their dangerous position, deserted and went over to the enemy and informed them of Whitcomb's plans and intentions. Whitcomb was greatly annoyed and vexed, but had no thoughts of losing his major's commission. He moved nearer to the British camp, fixing upon a new place for his ambuscade, where a small river made a turn and came near the road—a deep, narrow ravine running back from the river some distance. His position was at the root of a large tree blown down, the top reaching into the ravine and the root affording cover and portholes to fire through. This was about fifteen rods from the road, on the right side, and the river on the left side, and commanded a good view of the road in the direction the enemy would come. The ground to the river was covered with a thick growth of small trees, briars, and alders in the ravine. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon the British column came in sight and slowly passed. Several mounted officers passed, but none whose grade seemed high enough. Then came in sight an officer mounted upon a splendid white steed, richly dressed, with a broad red silk sash around his waist, and a long white plume in his hat, with several staff officers near by and Indian scouts in the road. Whitcomb thought that this officer would answer the purpose of General Washington's circular and when he came within a few rods, took deliberate aim and fired. He saw the officer throw his hands up and reel back, and quickly hid under the root. The Indians in the road near by saw the smoke of his gun and dashed into the woods after him, and supposing he would run back did not stop to look for him there, but hurried on and crossed the log within twenty feet of him. As soon as they had passed he crawled rapidly alongside of the log into the ra-

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vine, and down that, under the bridge and into the river, and up under the thick alders, occasionally coming upon the land for a rod or two, and crossing over and back. He had got about half a mile when he heard the blood hounds bay on his track, but all his arrangements had been made to baffle and elude them, and he succeeded in delaying them so much that he gained upon them until dark, when he took a smaller stream, running out of his direct route, and waded in that a mile, then left it and traveled all night and the next day without stopping, keeping in the woods.

"The officer shot was General Gordon, and he died in half an hour. At the time Whitcomb shot him all his provisions consisted of was about half a pint of parched corn, and that was all the food he had for four days. On the fifth day he crossed the line into Vermont, nearly starved, and his shoes entirely worn out. In all this time he had not kindled a fire or dared to shoot game, lest the smoke and report of his gun should indicate his whereabouts to the pursuing Indians, but necessity, which knows no law, compelled him to act. He did not dare to go to any house, fearing Tories; but finding a yoke of oxen feeding in a pasture, he shot one through the head and quickly cut out as much steak as he needed, and skin enough for a pair of moccasins, and ran into a deep swamp, kindled a fire, half roasted some steak and ate it upon the run, again fearing the smoke would betray him. The next morning he had gone about a mile only when he came upon an Indian camp, where several had stopped over night, the fire not being out. He turned and traveled east half a day, and then turned south, and hurried on until he arrived at Royalton, Vermont, where he went into a house and asked for food and rest.

"The British had offered a thousand crowns for his head, and two thousand crowns for him delivered at any British post alive, and the Indians pursued and hunted for him along the lake to the very walls of Ticonderoga. After some little time had elapsed, Whitcomb joined a small frontier guard stationed at Lancaster, New Hampshire, in a blockhouse; feeling secure, he occasionally went out hunting. One day, when out alone, he was suddenly seized from behind, disarmed, and bound by five Indians, and hurried off into Canada, and down the St. Francis river. Night came on dark, when within twenty miles of a British post, at the mouth of the river, where the Indians were to give him up and take the reward. They camped upon an island. Whitcomb's hands and feet were securely tied to a stake and otherwise securely bound, and in addition he was bound to two Indians, one sleeping on each side, close to him. Escape seemed impossible. Whitcomb recognized in one of his captors the Indian whom he had years before found alone, nearly famished, and fed and supplied with food, and had by look and gesture tried to make the Indian know him, but entirely failed to gain any sign of recognition. Death seemed inevitable and hope departed, but yet he slept. About 2 o'clock in the morning, he was awakened by gentle taps on the mouth to indicate silence, and then the fingers passed to his eyes and found them open.

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His bonds were carefully cut. He was directed by a motion of the hand to rise and follow, which he cautiously did, to the river. The Indian whom he had formerly aided when starving turned to him and handed him his gun, powder-horn, ball-pouch, knife, and a bag of parched corn, and reminding him of his former kindness to him, said, 'I now pay you—go, go.' Whitcomb slipped into a canoe and cast it off, and pushed out into the river. The Indian gave him the farewell salute by motion and turned back to camp. Whitcomb quickly pushed back to the shore and cut a hole in the bottom of each remaining canoe, pushed them off into the stream, resumed his own canoe, and crossed immediately to the shore, then cut a hole in his canoe and pushed it off and ran for life. About 4 o'clock he heard the Indians' distant whoop of alarm, and soon after the whoop of disappointment and anger when they found all their canoes gone. Whitcomb pushed on with all his energy, day and night, until safe, not stopping until he had reached Massachusetts, the home of his early childhood, where he remained during the war. In due time he received his major's commission and pay for the brave service he had rendered the cause of the colonies, and in his old age he received a major's pension. His good friend, the Indian, he never saw or heard of after their night parting on the island."

Mr. and Mrs. Darling had four children, Elmer A., Scott E., Louise A., and Lucius A.

Elmer A. was born in 1848, fitted at St. Johnsbury academy, under Professor Colby, and took a special course in architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1870-'72; and after teaching a few terms entered the employ of his uncle, Alfred B. Darling, then one of the proprietors of the famous Fifth Avenue hotel of New York city. In 1890 he was admitted to partnership in the house.

His heart always beats warmly for his native town and some twenty years ago he purchased the farm of the late Hon. Harley M. Hall, and thus began what is now "Mountain View Farm." In addition to the farm, Mr. Darling has many important interests in East Burke, the home of his boyhood. Chief among them are the electric light plant, giving to the village splendid street and home lighting, and modern grist, saw, and dressing mills. He was largely instrumental in the village having its fine concrete sidewalks and sewerage system. For the past year he has devoted much time and attention to Woodmont cemetery (incorporated), and the improvements he instituted transformed it from the little old country burying ground to a beautiful cemetery, with excellent water system and an enlarged acreage.

One of his notable achievements in regard to Mountain View was the laying of pipes to the Passumpsic river, and giving his estate an inexhaustible supply of pure water. In fact, upon every hand may be seen the achievements of an able, generous, and yet modest, son of Burke.

Scott E. was born in 1851, fitted at Kimball Union academy, Meriden, New Hampshire, and graduated from Dartmouth in 1876. He taught school two years, but owing

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to failing health went on a cattle ranch for five years. He contracted malarial fever in Texas and died in 1885, in the Adirondacks.

Louise A. was educated at Lasell seminary, Auburndale, Massachusetts, and has always remained at home.

Lucius A. was born in 1857. He always resided in Burke, where for twenty years he has been superintendent of Mountain View Farm. He is a man highly esteemed by the citizens of Burke, both for his worth as a man and for the deep interest which he has ever manifested in anything that would beautify or benefit the town of his birth. In 1900 he represented Burke in the state legislature. In 1892 he married Miss Maggie McDonald, of Burke, and two beautiful children have blessed their union, Pearl E., a daughter (deceased), and a son, Henry G., 2d.

HARRIS, CHARLES EDWIN, son of Charles A. and Euphamea (Blake) Harris, was born at Derby, August 28, 1852. He received his education in the public schools of Derby, East Burke, St. Johnsbury academy, and graduated from the New Hampton (New Hampshire) Commercial college. He then entered his father's store as a clerk and remained until 1893, when his father gave to him and his sister, Mary E., his stock, since which time the business has been conducted under the firm name of C. E. Harris & Co.

C. E. HARRIS & CO.'S STORE, EAST BURKE, VERMONT.

Mr. Harris married Emma D. Morse of St. Johnsbury. She died soon after, and he married, in 1878, Hattie Brockway of Burke. They have had two children, Perley S. and Charles W.

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In 1902 the firm of C. E. Harris & Co. decided to keep abreast of the times, and so the old store was moved back and a magnificent new three-story building was erected, where the old building stood. It is one of the finest built and equipped business houses in northern Vermont.

Mr. Harris has long been regarded a most popular, genial, and accommodating citizen, and enjoys a marked degree of popularity. He has long been considered a "jiner," and is affiliated with the Red Men, Odd Fellows, Masons, and Junior Order United American Mechanics. For the past eight years he has been state council treasurer of the latter body.

Mary E. Harris was born at Derby, September 22, 1859, and received her education in the schools of her native place, at East Burke, and graduated at the Lyndon institute. She has always been identified with the store, and in 1893 became an equal partner in the firm of C. E. Harris & Co.

WEBSTER, HERMAN D., son of Judson C. and Orvilla R. (Field) Webster, was born at Lunenburg, November 24, 1869. Attended the public and high schools of St. Albans and Brigham academy at Bakersfield.

After completing his education he accepted a position as a clerk in a Bakersfield general store for a year, after which he went to West Enosburg and entered the employ of C. H. Bessey. At the end of a year's employment he entered the firm, remaining one year, and then sold his interest to Mr. Bessey, and together with J. A. Gibson bought out the drug business of A. A. Rublee at Enosburg Falls, the business being conducted under the firm name of Gibson & Webster. Two years later he sold out to C. L. Mason & Co., and together with A. J. Croft bought out the general store of G. V. Frasier at East Burke. A year later he purchased Mr. Croft's interest in the business and became sole proprietor. In 1897 he built the splendid building now occupied as store and residence.

HERMAN D. WEBSTER.

Mr. Webster is a man of broad business experience, tact, sound judgment, and pleasing personality. He is treasurer of the Burke Creamery company; buys all its supplies and sells its products; is a stockholder and director of the Burke Granite company, and was postmaster of East Burke from 1892 to 1898, when he resigned to accept an election as representative of Burke in the general assembly of the state.

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In 1891 he married Ella Jeffords of Berkshire, Vermont.

FRASIER, CARL, born in Burke, August 27, 1872, son of Luther T.

CARL FRASIER.

and Celia (Eggleston) Frasier. He attended the public schools and worked on the home farm until twenty years of age, when he entered the employ of his uncle, Gilman Frasier, who was then conducting the general store where the post-office is now located at East Burke. Gilman Frasier soon sold his business to Croft & Webster, and the subject of our sketch remained a year, and then went to Chicago to work during the Columbian exposition. Returning to Burke he again entered the employ of Mr. Webster, and remained for another year. In the fall of 1895 he bought an interest in Mr. Webster's general store and for three and a half years the business was conducted under the firm name of Webster & Frasier. In December, 1898, a dissolution of partnership was agreed upon, and April, 1899, he opened his present store with a general stock. In 1898 he was appointed postmaster of East Burke, which position he still holds.

Mr. Frasier is a type of the hustling young business man, who is bound to succeed because he knows how to please.

FARMER, ALONZO C., son of Bradley and Lydia (Cushman) Farmer, was born March 1, 1831. His paternal great-grandfather, Benjamin Farmer, was born in 1749, and was a sergeant-major in the War of the Revolution. He came to Burke in 1799, and settled at the "Hol-

ALONZO C. FARMER.

low." He died in 1845, aged ninety-six years. He had three sons, one of whom, Uzziah, was the paternal grandfather of the subject of this

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sketch. He married Priscilla Briggs and had ten children, one of whom was Bradley, father of Alonzo C. He settled in Charleston and married Lydia Cushman, a descendant of Robert Cushman, the Pilgrim father. They had four sons born to them: Alonzo C., Charles C., Hiram B., and J. Wesley.

Alonzo C. Farmer, when a mere boy of eighteen, went to Ohio, which at that time was the "Far West." Three years later, in 1852, he took the overland route to California in search of gold. He was 139 days on the plains. He later went to Sacramento, and was present at the burning of that city. On his return home he took the sea route and was cast away for forty-eight days, finally reaching Nicaragua, which he crossed to the Atlantic coast.

He soon settled at Island Pond, and married Martha, daughter of Rev. Lewis Jenkins (see Jenkins family, Kirby), who lived fifteen years. He afterwards married her sister, Susan, by whom he has had four children: Frank E., a physician at Middlebury, who married May 20, 1903, Lulu Baldwin of Lyndon; Martha A. (see Robert Simonds, St. Johnsbury); Fred A., who lives at home, and married June 4, 1903, Aimeé L. Hazen, and Ida A., who graduated from Johnson Normal school in 1898, and as a trained nurse from Mary Fletcher hospital in 1903.

During the Civil war he served as a sergeant in Company E, Fifteenth Vermont volunteers.

Alonzo C. Farmer resided at Island Pond for seventeen years, and then moved to Burke and bought his father-in-law's farm, now known as Belmont Stock farm, which contains 325 acres, and has 2,250 sugar trees. He is a progressive, energetic type of the thoroughly up-to-date Vermont farmer.

THE HUMPHREY FAMILY. Timothy Humphrey and his wife, Sabrina Cushing, had seven children. They lived many years at St. Johnsbury Center, where Mr. Humphrey had a small place and was a veterinary surgeon. He afterwards removed to Canada, where he died.

Joseph Humphrey, son of Timothy, was born in 1833, and lived at St. Johnsbury Center until ten years after his marriage. He was engaged in various occupations, being a brickmaker, and also carrying on his father's small place. In 1853 he married Marilla Burt of Lyndon. In 1863 they came to Burke and settled on the old Allen place east of the green. He carried on his farm and also had charge of the Lyndon Mill company's mill-yard at East Burke. He died in 1885, aged only fifty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey had five children, Alvah, Bion, Emma, Herbert, and Albert.

Bion, second son of Joseph Humphrey, went to the white schoolhouse and to select schools at Burke Hollow and East Burke. Both he and his sister were bright scholars, and made the most of their advantages in the common school. In 1879 Mr. Humphrey married Celia, daughter of Jonathan and Emeline (Hosmer) Houghton. Before her marriage she was a well-known school teacher and always a bright, lovable woman. Her first children, twins, died at birth. Three daughters are now living, Bertha (Mrs. George L. Eggleston), Maud, and Carrie. Mrs. Humphrey died in December, 1893.

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Mr. Humphrey early learned the carpenter's trade, but in 1893 he gave up his trade and purchased the grist-mill at East Burke. He continued in the flour and feed business until 1899, when he disposed of it to Elmer A. Darling, the present proprietor. Mr. Humphrey then returned to carpentering and building, which he still follows, being a workman of rare skill and sound judgment. In 1894 he married Angie Jock of Concord, by whom he has a son, Bion. They, with two of the daughters, live in a neat home in the village. He has been lister and school director six years.

Mr. Humphrey is affiliated with the Junior Order United American Mechanics, has held the various offices in the local council, and in 1902 was state vice councilor.

MR. AND MRS. BION F. HUMPHREY.

ETHRIDGE, CAPT. ASA CROSBY, son of Stephen and Jane (McGaffey) Ethridge, was born at Sandwich, New Hampshire.

Stephen Ethridge came from England, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and settled in Sandwich, New Hampshire. He married Jane Mc-

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Gaffey, who was, according to best authorities, of Scotch parentage. They had thirteen children, the last of whom were twins, one being Asa

CAPTAIN ASA C. ETHRIDGE.

C., who was born August 9, 1803. He married Asenath R. S. George, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Sanborn) George of Sutton, Vermont.

Asenath R. S. George was born at Sutton, Vermont, February 24, 1803. Her maternal great-grandfather, Jethro Sanborn, according to the original rolls in the bureau of pensions at Washington, "Enlisted in 1755 as a private in Captain Jacob Webster's company to serve his majesty, King George the Second, in a regiment raised for an expedition to Crown Point."

Jethro Sanborn, 2d, maternal grandfather of Asenath R. S. George, served as a soldier of the Revolution. February 22, 1776, he was paid for twenty-three days' service. This service was in one of the companies of "minute men" that went to Winter Hill in December, 1775. He again saw service during 1776 as a private in Captain John Calfe's company, Colonel Bartlett's regiment. This enlistment must have been of short duration for September 8, 1776, we find him in Captain Ezra Currier's company, Colonel Abraham Drake's regiment, "to reinforce the Continental army near Stillwater." This service lasted three months and eight days. He was present at the historic surrender of Burgoyne. Jethro Sanborn's service in the Revolution was from New Hampshire. After the close of the war he moved to Vermont, and in 1812 again entered the army

ASENATH (GEORGE) ETHRIDGE.
(From an old silhouette.)

of his country in the war of that year. He was born in 1755, the year in which his father saw service in the army of George II.

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State of New-Hampshire.

To Asa C. Ethridge, Gentleman, Greeting.

We, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Fidelity, Courage, and Good Conduct, Do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you, the said Asa C. Ethridge

Captain of the first Company of Infantry in the first Regiment of Militia, in the State of New-Hampshire. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Captain in leading, ordering and exercising said Company in Arms, both Inferior Officers and Soldiers; and to keep them in Good Order and Discipline; Hereby commanding them to obey you as their Captain, and yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall, from time to time, receive from the Commander-in-Chief of the Army, Navy and Military Forces of said State, for the time being, or any other Superior Officers for the service of said State, according to Military Rules and Discipline pursuant to the Trust reposed in you. And to hold said office during good behavior.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused OUR SEAL to be hereunto affixed.

Witness SAMUEL DINSMOOR, Governor of said State, at Amherst the 4th day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the fifty seventh.

By His Excellency the Governor. Samuel Dinsmoor

Joseph Oilman Deputy Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In the City of Amherst the 4th day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five the said Asa C. Ethridge took and subscribed the Oath of Office as a Captain as prescribed by the Constitution. Before me,

John Hillard Justice of the Peace.

CAPTAIN ETHRIDGE'S COMMISSION.

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In 1818 Asenath R. S. George went to live with a sister at Sandwich, New Hampshire, and while there met, and on March 20, 1827, married Asa Crosby Ethridge. For some years they continued to live at Sandwich. Six children blessed their union, two of whom were born at Sandwich, Mary J., who married Giles E. Humphrey, and Hiram L. They moved from Sandwich in 1833 to Sutton, Vermont. Here two more children were born: Susan E., who married Benjamin F. Sanborn of Brighton, Massachusetts, and Ellen A. (see Milo Jenkins, Kirby). In 1840 Captain Ethridge located in Burke. Here the last two children were born: Sarah L., who married Ezra Powers of Burke, and Luella R., who married Frank Pinney of Brighton, Vermont.

While a resident of Sandwich, Asa C. Ethridge was a leading and public-spirited citizen, and took a deep interest in all public matters. In 1831 he was commissioned a lieutenant of infantry, and August 14, 1832, Governor Samuel Dinsmore commissioned him "captain of the Seventh company of infantry in the Nineteenth regiment."

When Captain Ethridge located in Sutton he settled on a farm on "South Ridge," so-called. He served his town in various offices and was a man of sound judgment, firmness, and absolute integrity.

In 1840 he purchased a farm at Burke Hollow, and later acquired the old grist-mill (now used as the Burke creamery). In 1872 Mrs. Ethridge died, and Captain Ethridge sold his property and went to reside with his daughter, Luella R., at Brighton, where he departed this life December 16, 1876. For thirty-five years he was a devoted member of the Methodist church.

CARR, ARNOLD E., is a native of Waterford, where his people were early settlers. David Carr, the well-known Methodist who preached in Waterford eighty years ago, was great-uncle of Arnold Carr. Mr. Carr's youth was spent in Waterford and East Concord. When the war broke out he enlisted in the First N. H. Volunteer cavalry, Third battalion, N. E. cavalry, at Manchester, N. H. His father, three brothers and a brother-in-law were also in the army. The First N. H. went first to Washington, then to Virginia, and served in the Army of the Potomac three years. Mr. Carr was in eight important engagements, including Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and Front Royal. He was wounded at Front Royal. Upon his discharge he returned to St. Johnsbury and went into the scale shops. He married Mary J. Barker, daughter of Captain Barker of St. Johnsbury, by whom he had six children. The five now living are Frank B. and Henry F. Carr of Fitchburg, Mass.; Edwin W. and Robert Carr of Burke, and Mrs. Sarah Darling of Lowell, Mass. Mr. Carr afterwards removed to Newark where his wife died in 1880. In 1882 he married Mrs. Annette (Burrington) Hall and has since resided in Burke Hollow.

Annette E., only child of Fernando Cortez Burrington, was born in the old Burrington home at the Hollow, February 24, 1839. The family descent runs thus: Ebenezer Burrington came to Burke about 1802. He had eight children, Sally, Esther, Elihu, Polly, Ammi, Chauncey, Joseph, and Asa-

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hel. Esther married Ira Walter, first constable of Burke, and lived to an advanced age. Asahel was town clerk for fifty years. Joseph and

ARNOLD E. CARR.

Asahel were also in company farming. Joseph lived with his parents in one of the first frame houses in town, and when Asahel married, a large new house was built for him adjoining the old one. The old house was torn down several years ago, and Asahel Burrington's house is now the home of Tyler Gaskill. Joseph had only one child, Fernando Cortez Burrington. When a boy, Cortez carried the mail on horseback from the Hollow to Sutton and to East Burke. He was a favorite with the girls who, when they heard his horn sounding over the hills, would run out and trim the colt, which accompanied his horse, with hollyhocks. The old colt was kept in the family for years and Mrs. Carr remembers it well. In 1857 Joseph Burrington sold his interest in the farm to Asahel and with his son bought the Denison place on the hill just above the schoolhouse. Here he spent his last days.

Sarah E. Colburn came with her parents from Chesterfield, N. H., to

ANNETTE E. CARR.

the farm near Newark, where Alza Hall now lives. She was a tailoress, having learned her trade in Chesterfield. She went from house to house, as the custom then was, plying her trade, and thus met Cortez Burrington, whom she married in 1837. Their only child, Annette E., has always lived at home. Annette E. Burrington married Harry H. Hall of Lyman, N. H., in 1860. He died ten years later and in 1880 Cortez Burrington also passed away. In 1882 Mrs. Hall married Arnold

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E. Carr. Her mother died in 1890 at the age of seventy-two.

Thus Mrs. Carr is one of the few lineal descendants of the first settlers left in Burke. She has seen her family, once numerous and influential, dwindle away until at present none bearing the name are left in Burke.

DAVIS, DR. CHARLES B., son of Curtis and Minerva (March) Davis, was born in Townshend, Vermont, May 19, 1834.

Dr. Davis studied and practised allopathy in the south part of the

CHARLES B. DAVIS, M. D.

state, but later became convinced that homœopathy was the true system of medicine and took up its study under Dr. Hiram Hunter of Lowell, Massachusetts. He located in Barnet in 1859. Here he married Urana T. Harvey. The following year they removed to Sutton, where their five children were born. In 1874 he moved to West Burke as a more convenient location for his ever-increasing practice. He was a very successful physician and deeply loved by his large circle of patrons and acquaintances. In later years he suffered much from ill health, but was patient and uncomplaining. He died August 13, 1897.

Dr. Davis believed in medical practice founded on experience, rather than on teaching of any rigid school or code. He pointed out the fact that Pasteur, the greatest contributor to medical science, worked out his experiments for himself, being the graduate of no school, and also that both Holmes and Holland took their diplomas from the walls of their studies.

FRED S. C. H. DAVIS.

Fred S. C. H. Davis, son of Dr. Charles D. and Urana T. (Harvey) Davis, was born in Sutton. He early manifested a great fondness for

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horses and has, until 1896, conducted a training, livery, sale, and feed stable at West Burke. That year he sold out to William Roundy and for two years remained at home owing to his father's failing health. For the past five years he has been employed by Elmer A. Darling at Mountain View farm at East Burke.

CHAPPELL, WESLEY H., was born in the town of Westmore, Orleans county, May 3d, 1865. He is the son of Charles and Lucia A. (Hudson) Chappell. He attended the public schools until the age of fourteen years when he went to work out on farms and in sawmills. Five years ago he came to Burke from East Haven, where he had resided for five years. He purchased the sawmill of Way and Bes-

WESLEY H. CHAPPELL.

sey with 200 acres of timber land where several men are kept employed; 400,000 lumber and 800,000 shingles are annually sawed.

In 1888 he was married to Hattie F. Humphrey, daughter of G. W. and Hannah (Hosford) Humphrey, of East Haven; who for two years was postmistress of that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chappell have had four children, Perley C., Ruth N., Ruby E., and Reta P. Ruby died February 18, 1902, aged three years.

While a resident of East Haven, Mr. Chappell served that town two years as a lister and overseer of the poor. He kept a general store and was for a year traveling salesman.

He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and Odd Fellows.

MARSHALL, BENONI H., son of Jesse and Calista A. (Martin) Marshall, was born at Burke, December 22, 1851, and educated in the common schools of the town. His grandparents came from Ludlow, Vermont, to Guildhall, and from there to Burke. Jesse bought the farm where Benoni now lives about 1853 and remained on the same until his death in 1892. Benoni married Myrtie Jenkins, daughter of Willis and Sarah (Thomas) Jenkins, and a paternal great-granddaughter of Lemuel Jenkins, a soldier of the Revolution, December 25, 1876. Six children were born to them: Jesse A., born April 19, 1878, died May 2, 1900; Alice M., born July 17, 1881; Carrie L., born February 26, 1883; Kathleen E., born May 1, 1891, died June 6, 1891; Morris W., born May 2, 1893, died July 14, 1897, and Frank C., born August 31, 1895. Mrs. Marshall died May 4, 1896, and Benoni was again married May 13, 1897, to Luvilla E. Houghton of Lyndon. Mr. Marshall and his father belonged to the class that make of farming a success. He owns and occupies one of the largest and

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most productive farms in Burke, known as "Woodland farm," with fine new farm buildings. The farm keeps 100 head of cattle and some six or eight horses. He is a breeder of fine registered and herd book Holstein-Friesian cattle and Morgan horses, and runs a model dairy farm. He is president of the Burke Creamery company.

Mr. Marshall has filled many positions of public trust, overseer, se-

BENONI H. MARSHALL.

lectman, and others, and, like his father before him, he is one of Burke's substantial and prosperous citizens.

BOLTON, DR. GEORGE W., son of Plynn and Phœbe (Wesson) Bolton, was born at Danville, March 21, 1859. He fitted for college at the Caledonia county grammar school at Peacham, entered the medical department of Harvard college in 1881, and graduated with the class of 1884 with the degree of M. D. He at once located at West Burke, where he has met with conspicuous success in his practice.

GEORGE W. BOLTON, M. D.

November 19, 1884, he married Ida L., daughter of Mortimer and Laura (Pike) Coe of Burke; by their union two children have been born: Plynn Mortimer and Arlene (deceased).

Dr. Bolton is a member of the Caledonia County Medical society and the Vermont State Medical society.

BURRINGTON, ASAHEL, was born at West Hartford, Connecticut, February 17, 1791. In 1801 his father, Ebenezer Burrington, emigrated to Vermont and settled in Burke. The country was then a wilderness and Mr. Burrington and his sons cleared away the forest where Burke Hollow now stands. As the older sons became

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ASAHEL BURRINGTON.

of age, they moved to Ohio, leaving the two youngest, Joseph and Asahel on the home farm, where they lived for most of their long lives. With few books, no teachers and limited means, Asahel acquired a good education for his time. For more than twenty winters he taught school at Burke Hollow.

He was a man of marked intellectual power, and wrote many poems for publication, among which "Farewell my Youth," and "The Dying Year" were of superior merit.

REV. LINDLEY M. BURRINGTON.

HOWARD R. BURRINGTON, A. M.

In 1822 he was elected town clerk, which office he held for fifty-three years. For more than twenty years he was town treasurer. For several years he was postmaster and twice represented his town in the legislature of the state, where he served on one of the most important committees of that body. In business he was faithful, methodical and reliable, and enjoyed to a remarkable degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow-

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townsmen. He died April 13, 1882, in the ninety-second year of his age.

Mr. Burrington's family consisted of seven sons and two daughters. Four of these are now living: Rev. L. M., of Belfast, Maine; Howard R., of Franklin, Massachusetts, and Charles and William of Boston. Rosalie (Mrs. W. R. Hall) died in Michigan some years ago; J. Quincy of Michigan, died in 1893. Of Lester, Solon, and

LESTER L. BURRINGTON, A. M.

Henrietta further mention will be made.

Rev. Lindley M. Burrington was born November 7, 1827. He remained on the home farm, as did all Mr. Burrington's sons, until twenty years of age. He attended school at the Green Mountain institute at South Woodstock, Vermont, then under the charge of Rev. J. S. Lee, with whom he commenced his studies for the ministry, and finished the same with Rev. A. A. Miner, D.

SOLON O. BURRINGTON, M. D.

D., of Boston. His first pastorate was at Reading, Massachusetts. Afterwards he became pastor of

HENRIETTA A. BURRINGTON.

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the Universalist societies at North Adams and Worcester, Massachusetts, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Fort Plain, New York.

He was twice married. His first wife was Miss E. M. Brewster, of Hartland, Vermont. His second was Mrs. E. A. Dickinson, of Belfast, Maine, where he now resides. She died in 1900.

Howard R. Burrington was born November 14, 1836. After leaving home he fitted for college at South Woodstock, and graduated from Tufts college, with his brother Lester, in 1866, gaining the second honors of his class. He at once took up the profession of teaching, which has been his life work. He was principal of the Green Mountain institute, afterwards of the union school of Canton, New York, then professor of ancient languages in a Western college. Later he was principal of the High school at Danvers, Massachusetts, for eleven years, and in 1890 was chosen associate principal of Dean academy, which position he now holds.

He married Miss Laura Brewster, of Hartland, Vermont. She died in 1869. Afterwards he married Miss V. A. Spaulding, of Canton, New York. She died in 1895, leaving one daughter, now living in New York city.

Lester L. Burrington was born March 24, 1838. He spent his early years on the farm, and afterwards fitted for college at South Woodstock. After graduating he entered the new Dean academy at Franklin, Massachusetts, as teacher of languages. Upon the opening of Goddard seminary at Barre, Vermont, he was chosen principal, which position he held for several years. Afterwards he was principal of the High school department of the Illinois state normal school. In 1879 he was called to the principalship of Dean academy, and successfully managed the affairs of this large institution for seventeen years, until failing health compelled him to retire in 1896.

He was a member of the Massachusetts legislature in 1900 and 1901, where he served as chairman on the committee on education. In 1902 he was chosen superintendent of schools of Peabody, Massachusetts, where he died August 30, 1903.

In 1867 he married Miss Sarah I. Ryder, of Provincetown, Massachusetts, who still survives him.

Solon O. Burrington was born July 24, 1839. On leaving home he attended school at South Woodstock and afterwards took up the study of medicine. Soon after the Civil war broke out he was appointed to the medical staff of the army and served until after the war closed. He graduated from the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, and at once took up the work of his profession. He located at Columbus, Wisconsin, where he spent the most of his life. His army training made him a skilful surgeon and he was very successful in his profession. He died October 16, 1888.

In 1872 he married Miss Stella Cady, of North Adams, Massachusetts, who still lives at Columbus.

Henrietta A. Burrington was born December 29, 1841. January 1, 1843, her mother died, leaving her family of four little ones to the care of their elder half sister, Rosalie,

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who gave the best years of her life to their training. So well did she fulfil her trust that, to the ties of sisterly affection was added the love and veneration due a devoted mother. Henrietta was precocious, easily mastering her school studies. The summer she was fourteen she taught school in the Belden district and at sixteen attended school at South Woodstock. Many of her school compositions were written in verse, "Farewell Sixteen," "The Island of Dreams," and "My Mother," being of special mention. On leaving the academy she spent three years in Boston, and in 1864 went to St. Lawrence university as preceptress.

In 1865 she wrote the prize story "Mignonette," competing with such writers as Mrs. C. M. Sawyer and Mrs. Patterson.

In the spring of 1866 she married Rev. Henry L. Bingham, of Columbus, Wisconsin. Her married life was short, as Mr. Bingham died the following autumn. In 1869 she became editress of the *Ladies' Repository*, of the Universalist Publishing House of Boston. During the five years that she conducted that magazine she won for herself a literary record that would honor any name. She was marked for succession with Julia Scott, Sarah Edgarton, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Sawyer, and Mrs. Munroe. Her specialty was verse, but her pen was graceful in essay, editorial, story, or sketch. One of her most beautiful poems was "L'Envoi," a midnight meditation on the passing year. Two poems, "The Human Side" and "The Divine Side," were her greatest work. These easily placed her in the front rank with writers of her time. In 1875 her failing health compelled her to give up work and return to her Western home, where she died February 18, 1877. Among the many gifted women whom Vermont has produced, none has won more marked success than Henrietta Burrington Bingham.

DAVIS, Leroy C., a son of Eleazer and Delia E. (Colburn) Davis, was born at Sutton, May 21, 1865,

Leroy C. Davis.

a paternal grandson of Osborn Davis, who married Olive Stoddard; a paternal great-grandson of Jonathan Davis, a native of Chesterfield, New Hampshire. On the maternal side Mr. Davis is a grandson of Ora and Delia (Day) Colburn, who were natives of Chesterfield, New Hampshire.

Ora Colburn was born February 14, 1803, and died June 7, 1893; his wife, Delia (Day) Colburn, was

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born October 20, 1810, and died February 12, 1868. Eleazer Davis was born February 19, 1808, and died July 21, 1898; Delia E. (Colburn) Davis was born September 9, 1832.

Leroy C. Davis was educated in the district schools, is a carpenter by trade, and has served the town of Burke as town clerk, treasurer, justice, and, in 1902, as its representative to the general assembly of Vermont. Mr. Davis married Laura, daughter of James and Electa (Packer) Ball of Newark.

Mr. Davis has one brother, Frank M., who resides at St. Johnsbury, who married Roa Hall of Burke.

ROOT, Dr. Edward F., was born in Sheffield in 1862, son of Edward

Edward F. Root, M. D.

F. and Georgianna (Haley) Root. Dr. Root attended the district schools of his native town, graduated from the Glover academy, class of 1881, entered the medical department of the University of Vermont, and remained a year, and then entered Dartmouth, from which institution he received his degree in 1889. He then located at Greensboro, where he practised for two years, and in 1891 located at East Burke, where he has met with a marked degree of success and built up a large practice.

In 1883 Dr. Root married Rose B. Barker of Sutton. Two children were born to them: Clarence and Lottie. Clarence died at the age of seventeen of tubercular spinal meningitis.

Dr. Root is a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics and Red Men.

STAFFORD, James P., was born in 1840 at Plattsburg, New York, a son of Colonel Peleg Stafford of the Thirteenth United States regulars.

Mr. Stafford was educated in the schools of Plattsburg, and May 13, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Sixteenth New York Regiment of Infantry, which organization was a part of the Second brigade and Fifth division, and was in the following engagements: Fairfax Court House, July 17; Bull Run, July 21, 1861; West Point, Virginia, May 7; Gaines' Mills, June 17; Crampton's Pass, September 14; Antietam, September 17, 1862; Mary's Heights, May 3-4, 1863. He was honorably discharged May 13, 1863.

December 18, 1863, he enlisted again, this time in Company K, Fifty-sixth regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer infantry. He was with his company in the battle of the Wilderness, May 5-10, 1864, and received wounds in the right knee and left shoulder. He was sent to the

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Georgetown hospital, where he remained a short time, and was then sent to the Judiciary Square hospital at Philadelphia, where he remained until August 5, 1865, when he was discharged.

In 1862 he married Mary Emerson of Plattsburg. Thirteen children have been born to them, ten of whom are still living: Laura, who married John Schindler of Utica; William, who resides at West Burke; John, at East Burke; Lorenzo W. of St. Johnsbury; Kate (see Walter S. Silsby of Lunenburg); Mary, who married George Hamelin of Utica; Mabel, who married Merton Vance of Albany, Vermont; Annie, who married Walter Bailey of Utica; Scott of East Burke; Celia (see Carl Frasier, Burke).

For nine years Mr. Stafford was a resident of West Burke, and for the past twenty-eight years he has resided in East Burke village.

EGGLESTON, Royal A., was born in Burke, August 8, 1844, son of Artemas L. and Orvid (Adams) Eggleston. He was educated in the common schools of Burke and took up farming until 1864, when he enlisted in Company E, Ninth infantry, Vermont volunteers. He saw a year's service, and was mustered out at Fortress Monroe, June 16, 1865. For a year after his discharge he was unfit for labor. In 1867 he married Amy M. Freeto of Burke, and took up carpentering at Manchester, New Hampshire, where he remained for five years. He then returned to Burke. In 1890 he located at East Burke village and has a shop on "Dish Mill brook," where he has followed carpenter work and undertaking.

He has one son, George L., born 1881, who married Bertha, daughter of Bion F. Humphrey, in 1902.

Mr. Eggleston has served two years as selectman, is a member of

Royal A. Eggleston.

the Odd Fellows, Grand Army, and Junior Order United American Mechanics.

TREFREN, Cephas J., was born at St. Johnsbury, May 21, 1842, and was a son of James and Emeline (Roberts) Trefren, who had also one daughter, Jennett E., who is unmarried and lives in Burke. James and his wife began life with "empty hands,"—no capital but grit. In November, 1851, they moved from St. Johnsbury to the "Jude Kimball farm" in Lyndon, about one half mile west of the Corner village, and which was settled by the Kimballs in 1792, and had remained in the family until purchased by James Trefren. On this farm Mr. and Mrs. Trefren lived until their death.

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Mrs. Trefren died May 10, 1884, Mr. Trefren dying October 11, 1894. At his decease the farm came into the possession of Cephas J., the present owner, having been in the two families more than a century. "Uncle Jim," as he was familiarly called, was a well known dealer in cattle, sheep, hogs, etc., and was always on hand when any one had wool or pelts to sell. By strict economy and "tend-to-business habits" he became one of Lyndon's wealthy men.

CEPHAS J. TREFREN.

Cephas J. Trefren was educated in the common schools and the academy at Lyndon. When twenty-one years of age he went to Springfield, Massachusetts, and worked for Burgess & Osborn in the meat business two years, then came home to the farm for a year. In 1866 he went to Lowell and was employed by the Lawrence Manufacturing company as watchman for one year.

At Lowell, March 18, 1867, he was married to Amanda C., daughter of Jehial and Mary (Richardson) Powers of Lyndon, and soon after

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they came to Lyndon to reside, where a major part of their life has been upon a farm. In 1897 they moved to their present fine home at the village of West Burke, where they spend their winters. In summer they go to their "Gobi cottage" in Foster's grove at Lake Willoughby.

While in Lyndon Mr. Trefren was first constable and collector for nine years, he also served as selectman and as lister and has been deputy sheriff for the past fifteen years. He was engaged somewhat as a dealer in cattle and sheep. In politics, Cephas says he is a "Full-blooded Democrat," but we think he has "liberal tendencies." He is a 32° Mason, a member of Crescent lodge of Lyndonville, Haswell Royal Arch chapter, Caledonia council, and Palestine commandery, St. Johnsbury; Mt. Sinai temple, Montpelier; Delta chapter, Rose Croix, and Vermont consistory, S. P. R. S., Burlington; also a member of Esther chapter, No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, Lyndonville. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Trefren are: Junie A., born March 15, 1870, who is married to Harry S. Graves of Kirby, who operates a bakery at Barton village; Frank J., born August 4, 1871, who married Emily M. Bean of Kirby, and has two children, Bertha May and Bernice Amanda. They live on the old Trefren farm in Lyndon.

WOODRUFF, Oscar C., a son of Erastus and Betsey (Randall) Woodruff, was born January 22, 1852, at Lyndon Center. His parents located at Burke in 1854, where they remained until 1863, when they took up their residence at Newark.

Oscar C. attended the public schools of Burke and Newark and attended the Lyndon, St. Johnsbury, and Glover academies. After completing his education he taught school for a few terms and then took up the cattle business, in which his father had long been engaged. When 22 years of age he was elected a lister in Newark, held that office for eighteen years and served as superintendent of schools

Oscar C. Woodruff.

for six years, and for eighteen years was a deputy sheriff.

In 1895 Mr. Woodruff gave up farming and located at West Burke, and actively took up the cattle business, in which he is still engaged. He has served Burke for five years as a lister.

In 1878 he was married to Emma Dolloff. Three children have been born to them, two of whom are now living: Fred E. and Frank R.

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JENKINS, ALVAH H., D. V. S., a son of Jonathan and Hannah Jenkins of Burke, and a descendant of Lemuel Jenkins, a soldier of the

ALVAH H. JENKINS, D. V. S.

Revolution, was born in that town October 20, 1865. In his youth he attended the common schools at East Burke village until sixteen years of age, when he was employed for a time by the Hazen Lumber company at Victory. In 1882 he went to southern Missouri, where he was employed on a large grain farm one year. He then went to Kansas to work for a live stock dealer a year, then came back to Burke, and the next spring went to Springfield, Massachusetts; he later went into the Massachusetts primary school of charity and lunacy, where he remained two years, then went into the Boston asylum and farm school, where he was supervisor of the class in agriculture for about three years. He then went to Petersham and went into the grain business for a year, then sold out and began to study for the veterinary profession with Dr. Aikens, where he remained one year. He took a year's course of lectures at Amherst, then a year's course at Harvard, then went into practice with Professor Damon, who was county examiner of Plymouth county for tuberculosis in animals and succeeded to Dr. Damon's practice, after which he practised at Barre, Massachusetts, for four years. He came to Burke, August, 1898, and has been constantly in practice ever since. His residence is at West Burke village.

Dr. Jenkins has passed an examination at McGill college, Montreal, and at London, Ontario, as D. V. S. He was married March 1, 1893, to Ida M. Williams, who lived only until February 9 of the following year. November 26, 1899, he was again married to Mary L. Eggleston of Burke. They have one child, Loren W., born May 13, 1902.

NEWARK.

Population, Census of 1900, 500.

Newark was chartered August 15, 1781, to William Wall and others. The first land cleared was by James Ball, who came with his family in September, 1797, and settled on the farm now occupied by his grandson, Albro Ball. Four years he was the sole inhabitant of what is now the town of Newark, then, in 1801, came Eleazer Packer, who penetrated two miles further into the dense forests and located where Henry Packer now resides. Three years later, 1804, Charles Palmer came. These

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were followed by others, and in 1809 the town was organized. Eleazer Packer, James Ball, and John Sleeper were chosen selectmen. Eleazer Packer was the first justice of the peace, and in 1811 became the first representative to the general assembly. He solemnized the first marriage—Philemon and Sally Hartwell—June 28, 1812. Arnold, son of James Ball, was the first birth in town.

The early history of Newark is so thoroughly given in the extended article on Eleazer Packer which follows, that it has been thought unnecessary to enter into it at length, as it would prove merely a repetition of the material facts.

PACKER, ELEAZER, born June 26, 1770, at Groton, Connecticut, died at Peacham, Vermont, March 29, 1864.

There is no record that gives the exact date at which the first Packer or Packers arrived in this country, neither is there anything to show whether the first arrival consisted of one man, or two who were brothers, or the three traditional brothers. Tradition is not uniform regarding the matter, so there is an opportunity for the exercise of a wise selection. It is a matter of record, however, that one John Packer, having obtained a grant of land in the southern part of Connecticut, came from England about the year 1651, and settled in the town of Groton in the above-named state. There is considerable evidence that John was a man of thrift in various ways, for not only did he soon become the largest planter in the colony, but in process of time he became the father of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters. He therefore furnished a commendable copy for his descendants, who seem to have appreciated the worth of his example, for, as we trace down the account of succeeding generations, we discover that almost the invariable number of children welcomed into each family was twelve; and, if it chanced in any single instance that the number dropped to eleven, the deficiency was always offset by the excess of one in another instance, so the average was kept good.

The youngest of the seven sons of John Packer was named James. Like his father, he was a man of mark, and noted among the large planters. Early in life he removed his residence from West Mystic to a point nearer the center of his plantation, where he erected new buildings. Later these buildings were burned, and James, caught in the flames that devoured one of his barns, lost his life. Subsequently the buildings were replaced by a grandson, a second John Packer, and the house he built is still standing, and is owned and occupied by a Packer.

James Packer, of whom we have been speaking, was born in 1681, and died on April 24, 1765. Like his immediate predecessor, he was the happy sire of twelve sons and daughters, the eldest of whom was a son, who received his father's name and became James, Junior. He was born in Groton, Connecticut, in 1734. It has been ascertained that in middle life, while his family were young, he moved from Groton to Guilford, Vermont. Three sons accompanied him, and several daughters. The oldest of the former at the time of the removal, who was also named James, was eighteen

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ELI E. PACKER.

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years of age, having been born August 17, 1760. Jeremy was a year and a half younger, and Eleazer, the subject of this sketch, nearly ten years younger, his birth having occurred June 26, 1770.

It is well to bear in mind the fact that, at the date of the migration of the Packer family, the Revolutionary struggle was still in progress, and also the fact that Guilford was then a wilderness. In the graveyard at Guilford, on a headstone erected to the memory of James Packer, who came up from Groton with his family, this inscription may still be read: "Deacon James Packer, died August 24, 1803, aged 69."

The three sons left by James Packer at his death, took to themselves wives from Guilford or the adjacent towns, and adopted the former as their place of abode, making farming their business; although Jeremy added to this vocation that of preaching the gospel.

About the year 1801, James Packer, the oldest of the three brothers, came into possession—we have been unable to learn how—of a tract of "wild land" in the town of Newark, Vermont. During the following summer he effected an exchange of property with his brother, Eleazer, who took the lot of land in Newark and turned over to James his own farm in Guilford.

During the summer of 1802, with the aid of several men whom he employed, Eleazer Packer began the arduous task of clearing a portion of his new possessions in Newark of the heavy growth of primeval wood with which the entire area was encumbered, and of preparing the ground for crops the ensuing summer. He also built a log house, which contained a single room, and a barn of the same material. This having been accomplished, he returned to Guilford for the winter, and to make arrangements for occupying his "lodge in the wilderness" the next spring.

Some years ago the writer met by chance one of the men, then living in St. Johnsbury, who had been employed by Mr. Packer in the work of making a beginning of "clearing up" his new farm during the summer of 1802. It is needless to say that his narration of the experiences, the privations, and labors of that summer were listened to with intense interest. "We never could have endured it all," he remarked, "but for the love of fun and unfailing cheerfulness of spirit of Eleazer Packer. No hardship seemed to tire him and no mishap to dishearten him."

Eleazer Packer was married to Abigail Potter in Leyden, Massachusetts, March 16, 1796. She was his junior by seven years. The fruit of this union, a most suitable and happy one, had been, up to the time of their removal from southern to northern Vermont, four children, two girls and two boys.

At the beginning of March, 1803, 100 years ago, Eleazer Packer, with his wife and little ones, and with as many household effects and provisions and seeds for planting as could be taken with a couple of two-horse sleighs, set out on his journey to Newark. At that time the weather was still cold and the snow deep, and there was apprehension lest their trip should be attended with suffering, if not with serious harm. They started thus early in order to reach their destination in time to supply themselves with maple sugar.

Scarcely, however, were they well

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on their way before milder conditions began to obtain, the snow began to soften, and tokens were not wanting that spring was at hand; and when they reached St. Johnsbury or Lyndon, I am not sure which, after several days of journeying it was found necessary to discard sleighs and complete their trip on wheels. The spring, which thus opened unusually early, continued to be mild and pleasant and,

ELEAZER PACKER.

fortunately, the following summer proved to be a productive one.

Let us take a glance at the conditions as they existed in Newark and surrounding towns at the time when Eleazer Packer made his advent into the highland region of Vermont. He had been preceded by a single settler in Newark, a Mr. Ball, who, a year earlier, had located a mile further south and made a small opening in the woods similar to that begun by his sole fellow-townsman. To the east, to the north, and to the west, as far as the eye could reach from any point attainable, stretched an unbroken forest. Barnet, twenty-five miles distant to the south, was the nearest place at which supplies could be obtained, and grain taken to be milled, and the road leading thither was imperfectly worked and bordered much of the way by a thick forest growth. Two days were required to carry a bag or two of corn or wheat to Barnet on the back of a horse, get it ground, and return with it to Newark. It was not possible often, even in an emergency, to procure the services of a physician in less than twenty-four hours.

Newark is the divide, or "height of land," which separates the St. Lawrence valley from that of the Connecticut. Consequently, this locality is subject to a vast amount of precipitation; and this not infrequently takes the form of snow six months of the year. Heavy snow falls are often attended or followed by high winds which pile the "beautiful" into huge drifts that block the roads and greatly interfere with travel. In the days of the early settlers the highways were liable to be impassable for weeks at a time. At this period there was actually no money in circulation or in the possession of farmers, and little even in the hands of merchants; and business was carried on by means of a system of exchange or barter.

When Eleazer Packer was enabled to leave the log house which had sheltered him and his growing family for a series of years, and to enter the comfortable and commodious new home, the work of whose construction had been mainly per-

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formed by his own hands, he found that for the material he had purchased and the labor he had employed, he had paid out in cash just one silver dollar.

The foregoing is a partial list of the stubborn difficulties with which pioneers had to contend, who essayed to make for themselves homes in these northern wilds and establish a town. That they tried and succeeded is sufficient proof of their grim purpose and unfaltering industry. Doubtless the growing improvements of their lands and the increase of comforts that came to them, furnished compensations which we can hardly conceive, and which we can not fully appreciate.

For more than half a century Eleazer Packer was permitted to see his cultivated acres increase, during which time the forest line was gradually pushed back, and in place of the giant maple and beech and birch, the apple and plum and cherry had been brought to yield their fruit and contribute no small measure of comfort. Neighbors, too, had multiplied, schools had been established, a church—the Methodist Episcopal—of which he was an honored and devoted member, had been organized, and town machinery set in motion. In all these advances he bore a conspicuous part, and in many instances furnished the initiation. That he enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townsmen is sufficiently evidenced in the fact that he was chosen to represent his town in the legislature for fifteen consecutive years, and was justice of the peace two score years; and the former office he was at length led to relinquish on account of the demands made upon his time by increasing home duties and responsibilities. His serving the town so long in the capacity of justice of the peace fastened upon him the sobriquet of the "Squire," and, wherever he was known, he was mentioned with that distinguishing title prefixed to his name.

Allusion has already been made to the fact that his four older children were born in Guilford. The oldest of these was Phi-

MRS. ELEAZER PACKER.

lura, who became the wife of Eleazer Newell of Burke. She died in 1824, leaving a son and a daughter. Electra, the second one, died also in 1824, at Newark, being twenty-five years old. The third member of the Guilford quartette was born March 16, 1801, and was just two years old when his career in Newark began. His name was Horace, and he proceeded at once to give point to his entrance

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into his new home by falling through the trap door into the cellar; but as the cellar was not deep and he was well protected by his traveling wraps, no harm resulted. Eleazer, the youngest of the four, was eight months old when he commenced his journey northward, and survived the change a little more than three years, dying April 3, 1806. Subsequently seven more children came to swell the family circle. The first arrival was that of Austin and Osmon, twins, which occurred April 28, 1805. The succession was continued by David's appearance February 20, 1808, who was followed by Eli Wing January 5, 1811. On March 30, 1814, and July 23, 1817, respectively, two more girls, Josephine and Rebecca Barney, joined the procession. About three years later, the honor of being the rear guard fell to the lot of John Quincy Adams, whose name is an unmistakable index of the political leaning of his father—a leaning which all his boys, save one, came in due time fully to sympathize with. Thus eleven children were born to Eleazer Packer, ten of whom grew to maturity and nine of whom lived to have children of their own—forty-two in all.

The distribution of the grandchildren is as follows: Philura, one son and one daughter; Horace, three sons and five daughters; Osmon, one son who died in young manhood; Austin, two sons and four daughters; Eli Wing, four sons and three daughters; Josephine, who married Edmond Newton of Leyden, Massachusetts, two sons; Rebecca Barney, who married Samuel Newton, brother of Edmond, four daughters; John Quincy Adams, who married Lovina Newton, sister of Samuel and Edmond, two sons and five daughters.

The older of these sons of John Q. A. Packer, Edmond, served his country in the Civil war, since which he has been a successful medical practitioner in Lowell, Massachusetts. The oldest of the daughters, Charlotte, married Rev. Joseph Hamilton, member of the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference, and now lives at Danville. David Packer prepared for the ministry, and for many years held important pastorates in the same conference. In his later years he took up the practice of medicine. Two sons of Eli Wing Packer, one of whom is living, entered the same profession. At the age of six Eli Wing went to live with an uncle and aunt in Leyden, Massachusetts. Here his boyhood was passed, as well as the active years of his manhood. He was an active participant in town affairs, holding important offices, and being several terms a representative in the legislature of the state, and a member of the convention for the revision of the state constitution.

Osmon was a cloth dresser, and passed the major part of his life in Danville, reaching the advanced age of more than eighty years. For his uncomplaining patience under peculiar misfortunes, for his unwearying industry, his piety and integrity, he won the highest regard of every one capable of appreciating such qualities.

Horace, as was the case with all his brothers, except Osmon and David, chose the occupation of a farmer. For a number of years after his marriage with Hopestill Whipple

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Brown of Kirby, he owned and lived upon a farm at Newark Street. His health, however, becoming impaired, he removed to Burke, where he died at the age of sixty-seven. Of his eight children only two remain at this time of writing—Halsey Horace of West Burke, and Eli Eleazer of Albany, New York. The latter has been a resident of the last-named state since 1858, and has, during all this time, been engaged in the work of teaching, uninterruptedly. Seven years were passed in Whitehall, where he was first located, five years at Cohoes, and the balance, nearly thirty-four, in Albany, where he is still engaged in teaching.

Rebecca Newton, the youngest daughter of Eleazer Packer, is the only one of the eleven children now living, and Lovina Newton Packer, the widow of John Q. A., is the only one who entered into family relation by marriage that still continues on the hither side. The latter, who is now past eighty years old, and in feeble health, is most tenderly cared for by her youngest daughter, Mrs. Mears, who lies at Marshfield. The former is still quite vigorous, notwithstanding her fourscore and seven years, and still retains her faculties to a remarkable degree, and her interest in passing events. She divides her time between the homes of her two daughters, one of whom is the wife of Judge Bixby of Adams, Massachusetts, and the other the wife of Mr. Harris Williams of Athol, in the same state. Possessed of the same indomitable spirit of cheerfulness that characterized her father, and similar physical endowments, she bids fair to reach the same advanced age that he attained.

The writer has often felt regret that Eleazer Packer was not permitted to pass his latest days on the old home place he had labored so assiduously to make a refuge for himself and family. But it was ordered otherwise by a merciful providence and, doubtless, was ordered wisely and kindly. And so it came about that the summons to a higher life, to which he and his good wife had been looking forward many years, with unclouded faith and eager expectation, came to both at Peacham. The call came to her first, on April 14, 1863. But the loving union of sixty-seven years was not to be interrupted long, and they were reunited on March 29, 1864. Their last days were passed under the roof of their youngest son, from whom they had never been separated, and whose great privilege it was to minister to them in their declining years.

The writer wishes to express his gratification that the original Packer premises in Newark are still in possession of those who bear that name —Packer—and indulges the hope that future generations will find the same still owned and occupied by one of that name. A son of Austin Packer, Henry, and his son, Harris, are the present occupants.

BURNS, AUSTIN C., son of Edward and Abbie B. (Packer) Burns, and a maternal grandson of Eleazer Packer, was born at Columbia, New Hampshire, November 19, 1861, and came with his parents to Newark when only an infant. He attended the district schools of the town, and has always followed farming.

March 4, 1881, Mr. Burns married Ella M. Lee of Newark. Six children have blessed their happy union: Charles E., Lura M. (Mrs.

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Frank A. Bruce of Newark), Leonard A., Pliny E., Pearl L., and Abbie E.

Mr. Burns has always been active

AUSTIN C. BURNS.

in town matters, and has been frequently called to serve his townsmen in public office, serving as justice, road commissioner, selectman, and in 1902 as representative to the general assembly.

His farm is a particularly good one, of about one hundred and fifty acres, with upwards of a thousand sugar trees. Twenty-five head of stock is kept.

WALTER, HEMAN A., son of Harlow B. and Louis (Coe) Walter, was born in East Haven, October 29, 1851. His paternal grandfather, Norris Walter, was the second settler of the town of East Haven, and followed, in 1805, his brother John, who came from Winchester, Connecticut, in 1804. Norris was born in 1777 and died in 1824. A daughter of Norris, Harriet, was the first child born in the town.

His paternal great-grandfather was John Walter, who died in 1848, aged one hundred years and six months (see Oscar T. Walter, East Haven, Essex county).

In 1857 Harlow B. Walter and his six-year-old son moved to the present Walter farm in Newark, which was then a dense forest; land was cleared and building erected

HEMAN A. WALTER.

with the same energy, pluck, and unyielding courage that has ever characterized the early settlers in northern Vermont. He was born in East Haven, February 15, 1813, and died in Newark in 1885.

Heman A. received his education in the district schools and has always followed farming. November 24, 1880, he married Addie N. Smith of East Haven. Two children

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have blessed their union: Harlow B., Jr., and Hazel L.

Mr. Walter has always taken a lively interest in public matters, and his town-men have frequently recognized his integrity and sterling worth as a man and citizen. He has held the various town offices, was deputy sheriff four years, and in 1896 represented Newark in the general assembly.

SLEEPER, Lyman O., was born in Newark, May 9, 1851, a son of John, Jr., and Chastina (Powers) Sleeper. He received his education in the district schools of the town, and did farming until nineteen, when he entered the employ of Silas

Lyman O. Sleeper.

Wetherbee at Lyndonville, where he remained for five years. He then returned to the old homestead, which was settled and cleared by his paternal grandfather, John Sleeper, who came from Unity, New Hampshire, about 1805, and when the town was organized in 1809 became one of the first board of selectmen, and later represented the town in the legislature.

Lyman O. Sleeper has continued on the old homestead, and has been a farmer, dairyman, and sugar maker of the progressive class. The farm consists of three hundred acres and has 2,600 sugar trees, and some thirty head of stock are kept.

Mr. Sleeper has served the town as selectman, auditor, school director, and justice, and is recognized as one of the strong men of Caledonia county, always taking a lively interest in all public matters that will aid the farmer or benefit his condition.

December 17, 1878, Mr. Sleeper married Mary J., daughter of Manning Walter of East Haven (see Oscar T. Walter of East Haven).

John Sleeper, Jr., father of Lyman O., was a man of sound judgment, keen abilities, and sterling worth. He held the usual town offices and represented the town in the state legislature.

JOHNSON, David F., a son of Obed and Mary (Foster) Johnson, was born on the old homestead in Newark, where he now resides. He married in 1854, Mary C. Kenney, whose ancestors were among the earliest settlers of the town. Their union was blessed by four children: One died in infancy, Fritz L. is an engineer on the Fitchburg railroad out of Boston, Avaline E. has for the past twelve years been a teacher in the public schools of San Francisco, California, and Frank L. is located in that city.

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Mrs. Johnson died May 6, 1878, and David F. took for his second wife Isabelle Booth of Burke, December 28, 1880.

Mr. Johnson has always been a leading citizen of Newark, and has had perhaps more to do with public matters for the past forty years than any other one man. He has been town clerk and treasurer since 1888, and was postmaster for twenty-five years, and has served the town as lister, justice, selectman, and three times as its representative in the general assembly. He has long been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

Obed Johnson, father of David F., was a native of Sudbury, Massachusetts, and came to Vermont when a lad of five years, on horseback with his mother in 1791. They located at Guildhall and remained there until 1808, when his mother died. He, in company with his brother, Eben, bought a brick yard and for many years were prominent in this industry. Later they located in Newark and Obed settled and cleared the land where his son, David F., now lives.

SUTTON.

Population, Census of 1900, 694.

The town was first settled in 1790, and was organized July 4, 1794. James Cahoon was chosen clerk. Samuel Orcutt, one of the first settlers, came in 1793. At about this time Enoch Blake and his son, Samuel, came (see Henry A. Blake). Then came Thomas Colby from Sandwich, New Hampshire (see George W. Colby, M. D.). These were soon followed by Luther Curtis, who came from Swanzey, New Hampshire, in 1806, and James Campbell, a soldier of the Revolution (see G. M. Campbell of Lyndon). He came from Putney. Caleb Allard came from Wheelock in 1808. John Fogg located in 1810, and Josiah Willard in 1804.

Thus Sutton was peopled in the early days by the hardy pioneers, who undertook cheerfully and without complaint the settlement of the dense timber land of the Vermont highlands. Their experiences of hardship, suffering, and joy did not materially differ from that of their neighboring towns. Here, as in each of our settlements, was laid the foundation of rugged Vermont manhood, which has ever given the sons of this state high place in the councils of the nation, and in all the various walks of life. From these hillsides have gone forth physical and intellectual giants, clothed with the mantle of integrity, honor, and force, to combat all conditions of life, and with a priceless heritage from the sturdy pioneer ancestor, have met and conquered to a degree hardly ever attained by any other people.

PILLSBURY, H. F., was born in Sutton, February 12, 1834, was brought up on a farm, and schooled at the wood-colored schoolhouse under the hill. He did not take kindly to books, and, as he frequently said, "often came home at the foot of his class." Hunting, trapping, and fishing, interspersed with a desire to trade, seemed to be his forte.

He left the farm when he was nineteen years of age, went West and spent a year in Iowa and Wisconsin; he came back tired of the

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West, and went to work for Marshall Newell at Burke, where he learned the mercantile business.

In 1859, he married Ellen N. Blake of Sutton, where he kept a store and post-office for sixteen years, buying butter, sugar, and wool of the farmers in Caledonia and Orleans counties, also buying and selling real estate.

H. F. PILLSBURY.

In 1867 he was elected representative to the Vermont legislature, and while a member he introduced a bill to pay one Jacob Ainger of Sutton, a drafted soldier, his state aid of $7 per month, which he had forfeited by selling himself to a broker as a substitute. This bill Mr. Pillsbury vigorously fought through the house of representatives on the ground that said Ainger was an ignorant man, and a poor and deserving cripple, and as he counted in the Vermont quota of drafted men, it did the state no wrong to grant this aid. The senate committee reported adversely on this bill, as being a bad precedent for the state to establish, but through the assistance of his

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friends, Senators Bullard and Dale, the bill was finally passed. He also organized the Orleans and Caledonia Steam Mill company, and had a bill passed incorporating the same. In 1868 he was reëlected to the state legislature, serving his town with credit. In 1869 he sold his store and went into the lumber business with General Grout, Colonel Blake, Elisha White, M. F. Blake, and George Bridgman. He soon bought out his partners, and for over twenty-five years managed the business alone.

He still kept on buying lands, until at the present time he owns over 10,000 acres. He is now the oldest lumberman in this section. In 1900 he took his son, Fred H. Pillsbury, into his business as an equal partner, doing business under the name of H. F. Pillsbury & Son.

He was one of the promoters of the Lyndonville National bank, also of the Lyndon Savings bank, and has served as a director in both banks since their organization. His last speculation was the buying at auction, of a Barton syndicate, Hotel Barton.

Starting as he did, with poor health and without a dollar in his pocket, financially he has been one of the most successful business men in his county. He has spent several winters in Florida and California.

Mr. Pillsbury has been a generous and public-spirited man, always putting his hand in his pocket when public good required.

PILLSBURY, Fred H., son of H. F. Pillsbury, was born in Barton August 4, 1875, schooled in Barton high school, Montpelier seminary, and one year in Wesleyan college. On account of the sickness and death of his mother he was obliged to give up his college course and return to his father.

In 1900 he married Florence L. Currier of Barton and commenced the lumber business with his father at their mills in Sutton and Westmore.

In 1902 he was elected representative to the Vermont legislature from the town of Sutton, representing the third generation of Pillsburys in the Vermont legislature

Fred H. Pillsbury.

from the town of Sutton. He was appointed one of the standing committee on manufactures, also one of the special committee on the Louisiana Purchase exposition, serving his town with credit and ability. He, like his father, is a natural trader and will make his mark as a business man.

RUGGLES, Daniel E., of Sutton, a son of James and Lydia (Ran-

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dall) Ruggles, was born in Sutton April 16, 1831. He was one of a family of three children. His only brother was William F., the old "drover," who was so well and favorably known from Canada to Brighton cattle market, and who died in 1891 in Kansas. Their sister, Rebecca H., married William Harvey, deceased. She now makes her home at Lyndonville. The brothers married sisters, who were the daughters of Lorenzo D. Hall of Sutton. William F. married Mary and Daniel E. married Mariah. Daniel was married January 2, 1854. Three children were born to them, two dying in early life. The remaining one, Burleigh D., was born January 25, 1870, and married Minnie J. Fyler, daughter of John Fyler of Burke, and resides on the old "Ruggles farm" in Sutton, where his father and grandfather lived before him.

DANIEL E. RUGGLES.

Daniel E. Ruggles has always been one of Sutton's prominent men, being very successful as a farmer, and being largely interested in all public matters. He has served his town as lister and justice of the

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peace many years, and has been overseer of the poor for some ten years. He represented Sutton in the legislature in 1898, and in 1902 he was elected assistant judge of Caledonia county, which position he now holds. A few years ago Judge Ruggles retired from active farm life, and Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles now occupy their quiet home at Sutton Corner village, enjoying their well-earned rest from the more laborious duties of life.

RESIDENCE OF SYLVESTER S. DOUD.

DOUD, SYLVESTER S., a native of New Haven, born in 1839, a son of Sylvester and Alzina (Wheeler) Doud, was one of a family of five boys. He was educated at the common schools, the New Haven academy, the Barre high school, and the Montpelier seminary. He was married in 1866 to Mary G., daughter of Deacon Dan and Maria (Potwine) Goodell. Mrs. Doud (an only child of her parents) was born at Orwell in 1841. She was educated at the common schools and at the Troy Conference academy at Poultney. Mr. and Mrs. Doud lived upon a farm in New Haven until 1870, when they purchased and moved on to the William Ruggles farm in Sutton, which has ever since been their home. In 1884 they erected their very commodious house (an engraving of which appears with this sketch). From this farm can be seen one of the finest landscape views in this section.

Arthur V., an only child of Mr. and Mrs. Doud, was born at New Haven in 1867. He began his education at Sutton common schools; after this he attended the St. Johnsbury academy, and later graduated from the Lyndon institute. He then entered the Michigan university at Ann Arbor, and graduated from the

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medical department in 1896. After his graduation he began the practice of medicine at Hill, New Hampshire, where he continued one year.

SYLVESTER S. DOUD.

He then went to Bristol, New Hampshire, in 1897, and has been in steady practice there for six years, meeting with good success.

Sylvester S. Doud is one of Sutton's steady-going citizens. He has served his town somewhat in public matters, and is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. and Mrs. Doud are active in literary and all other matters that tend to elevate the standard of the town.

COLBY, DR. GEORGE W., was born in Sutton in 1834, and was a son of Josiah and Betsey (Lee) Colby. His paternal great-grandfather, Thomas Colby, was one of the early settlers of Sutton. Daniel, one of his eleven children, married Polly Hutchings of Sandwich, who bore him seven children, one of whom was Josiah, father of Dr. Colby.

George W. Colby attended the schools of Sutton and received his medical education at the Hahnemann Medical college of Philadelphia. He married Emily Kincaid (see Jenkins family, Kirby) in 1866. They have three children living: Mae L. (see Bert U. Well, Glover), Maud G. (see Wylie S. Willard, Glover), and Bernice, who resides with her mother.

Dr. Colby was a man of rare skill, kindly disposition, and public spirited, ever ready to respond to a call without regard to distance, weather, or hope of remuneration. He was

GEORGE W. COLBY, M. D.

a man deeply loved and implicitly trusted and never found wanting. He served Sutton as town clerk, overseer of the poor, school director,

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health officer, and in 1900 represented the town in the general assembly. He died September 23, 1903, after a long and painful illness.

GRAY, SYLVESTER S., of Sutton, was born at Newark, July 16, 1861. He is a son of Samuel and Aurilla (Taft) Gray. His father's family consisted of six children. Samuel was a son of Henry Gray, and was born in Sheffield. Samuel married and settled in Newark and twelve years ago Sylvester S. Gray came to Sutton and settled on the farm now owned by him, it being the old Charles Taft farm. In March, 1885, Sylvester S. Gray was married to Nellie, daughter of Renben and Luella (Willey) Moulton,

SYLVESTER S. GRAY.

and five children have gladdened their home; one died in early life, and they have left to them one boy and three girls.

Mr. Gray was educated in the old-fashioned district schools of Newark and in the practical business of life. He has been justice of the peace in Sutton four years, is at present a member of the board of selectmen, and a respected citizen of Sutton.

BUNDY, CHARLES, one of four children of Elias and Mary (Corliss) Bundy, was born in Sutton, went to Danville when eight years of age and lived there five years, then in Westmore two years, then came to Sutton to remain. He received only a common school education. When twenty-one years of age he bought a farm for $1,000, paying down $60, sold and bought another, which he sold, and purchased a portion of the one where he now lives in 1869, consisting of 118 acres with a small house and an old 30 by 40 barn. The farm produced about eight tons of hay. Mr. Bundy got off his coat and began to clear and dig. In the spring of 1903 he deeded his personal property and farm to his son, Byron, free of all incumbrances, it containing 360 acres, with a good house, a fine large barn and four smaller ones, and cuts 100 tons of hay. He still has for himself $3,500 of his hard-earned money, for none of the above mentioned was got by speculation. If some who are loafing around saloons, complaining of hard times, would come to this hill farm in Sutton they might learn a lesson. Mr. Bundy married Orinthia Daniels in 1860, who died September 19, 1902, having proved herself a kind and faithful wife and mother. Their children are: Oscar, born 1862, who married Nettie Drown. He keeps a store and post-office at Sutton Station and has one child; Jennie,

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born in 1867, married Enoch Smith, a locomotive engineer at Lyndonville. They have had three children, one of whom died in infancy; Byron,

CHARLES BUNDY.

born March 4, 1873, married August, 1903, Carrie O., daughter of Oscar and Adaline Daniels of West Fairlee, a graduate of Johnson Normal school in 1900, who had taught several terms of school. She was born at Topsham in 1879. Charles served in the Union army in Company G, Fifteenth Vermont regiment, his full term of enlistment.

BLAKE, HENRY A., son of Joseph and Sarah E. (Furgerson) Blake, was born in Sutton, September 12, 1840. Enoch Blake, paternal great-grandfather of Henry A., came to Sutton about the year 1790 and resided with his son Samuel, who came from Moultonborough, New Hampshire. Enoch had eight children, among whom was Enoch, Jr., who married Betsey Ladd of Sutton and reared ten children, one of whom was Joseph, father of the subject of this sketch. He had six children.

Henry A., after becoming of age, followed farming and running a threshing and sawing machine up to 1876, when he engaged with the Pacific Guano company of Boston, Massachusetts, as their special agent for Vermont and New Hampshire, introducing their fertilizer in the two states, and built up a sale of twenty-five hundred tons per year of the fertilizer. In 1882 he opened a general store, which he sold to F. A. Holmes in 1889.

May 12, 1870, he married Kate J., daughter of Joseph Y. Otis of Shef-

HENRY A. BLAKE.

field. They have one child, Sarah E., a graduate of Lyndon institute and Johnson Normal school. She has taught twenty-five terms of

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school with excellent success. Mr. Blake has for the past three years served Sutton as town clerk and treasurer.

He has always taken a deep interest in spiritual matters, and has been connected with the Freewill Baptist church for forty years, fifteen years as its clerk and treasurer and a like period clerk and treasurer of the Vermont yearly meetings. He has also held nearly all of the other offices in the local church and Sabbath school, and served on several important committees in the yearly meeting.

WATSON, LEONARD W., son of Larnard and Eunice (Ruggles) Watson, was born at Burke, March 6, 1836; both his parents were born at

LEONARD W. WATSON.

Lyndon and settled at Burke in 1835. Mr. Watson received his education in the schools of Burke and has always followed farming. In 1871 he located in Sutton on his present farm, which was formerly owned by Henry Easterbrook. By constant and undivided attention to his chosen field of usefulness, Mr. Watson has made farming a conspicuous success.

He married, April 2, 1862, Sophia, daughter of Amos and Emily (Harrington) Hunt of Westmore. Three boys have been born to them: Bradbury (deceased), Eber, and Ira. Mr. Watson has served Sutton six years as selectman, and in 1886 represented the town in the general assembly.

KINCAID, ARTHUR E., son of Orin and Mary (Jenkins [see Jenkins family, Kirby]) Kincaid, was born at Otsego, Wisconsin, December 7, 1848. He came to Vermont in 1858, enlisted in Company A, Tenth Vermont regiment, September 5, 1864, was discharged June 22, 1865, after which he shipped on a whaling vessel at New Bedford, and went around Cape Horn and into the Arctic ocean. He also went several voyages on whaling vessels from Provincetown, and was for quite a length of time in the coasting and merchant marine service. He also spent some time in the mining regions of the Rocky mountains. October 29, 1878, he married Ursula Butterfield of Sutton and settled down to home life in that town. Two children were born to them: Myrtie L., born 1880, died 1886; Leon E., born 1890. Arthur has had experiences that come to but few, and can tell many a story of soldier and sailor life.

HYDE, FREEMAN, son of Joshua and Betsey (Doloff) Hyde, was born at Albany, Vermont, March 26, 1845. His father dying when he

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was four years of age, the mother, with her two children, came to Sutton, where the boys received a common school education. At the age of

FREEMAN HYDE.

seventeen, he enlisted in Company G, Fifteenth Vermont, in the "war for the Union." After serving out his time, and never having been given a chance to shoot a rebel, he and his brother Lewis enlisted as recruits in the Vermont cavalry, where they served under Custer, Kilpatrick, and Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, and had plenty of opportunity to shoot. They were in more than thirty battles. Lewis was wounded at the Wilderness, and fourteen years later he died from its effects. Freeman was wounded six times, and in the hospital three months. They were both discharged with the regiment in 1865. Freeman has run a sawmill and farmed some until 1900, when he went into the store of F. A. Holmes, where he is at present. In March, 1866, he married Adaline M. Bunker. One child was born to them in 1867, who died in 1870. Mrs. Hyde died September, 1882, after which Freeman's mother kept house for him until her death in 1899. He has filled several positions as town officer, is a member of the Grand Army, and is active in public affairs.

HOLMES, FRANK ADAMS, the present popular merchant and postmaster at Sutton, and one of a family of four children of Lewis and Lucinda (Pope) Holmes, was born at Albany, Vermont, January 20, 1846. His father was a clothier by trade in that town, but afterwards moved with his family on to a farm

FRANK A. HOLMES.

in Sheffield, where they remained until they came to Sutton in 1863, when Lewis conducted the clothing and dressing mill at the "Hollow"

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for several years. In 1867 Frank, who had received only a common school education, went into the employ of George L. Bradley as clerk in a store, and remained three years. He then went on to the road as traveling salesman for various firms for seventeen years. In 1888 he bought out the store now owned by him, and has conducted the mercantile business ever since. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster, and has held the position continuously from that time. In 1884 he married Carrie Emma, daughter of Levi N. Heath of Bristol, New Hampshire. After her death, in 1895, he was again married to Etta A., daughter of Sargent J. and Betsey Whipple of Sutton. One child, Lydia Adams Holmes (who bears the family name that has been handed down from the Adams family of Massachusetts), was born March 24, 1901.

SHEFFIELD.

Population, Census of 1900, 724.

Sheffield was chartered October 25, 1793, to Stephen Kingsbury and others. It was organized March 25, 1796, with the election of Archelaus Miles, Jr., town clerk; Stephen Drown, Archelaus Miles, Jr., and Isaac Keniston, selectmen; Jonathan Gray, constable. The first representative was Stephen Drown, elected in 1806. The town was first surveyed by Jesse Gilbert and a large tract was named "Gilbert square."

The first settlers in town were Jonathan and James Gray, and John and Richard Jenness, all from New Hampshire, coming in the spring of 1794, Jonathan Gray bringing his wife with him on horseback with his pack and tools. His son, William, born July 28 of the same year, was the first child born in town. His son, Captain Alfred, born in 1817, is still living with his grandson, Herman P. Simpson. The first schoolhouse was built in 1805, the first church, Baptist, in 1829, the Methodist church in 1860. A second Baptist church was built in 1851.

Sheffield Hollow is the only village and contains the only post-office in town. It is situated about two miles above Wheelock village on the same stream (Miller's Run), is about six miles from Lyndonville on an easy road, with a daily stage and mail connection. It contains the churches, a large schoolhouse, a fine town hall, two stores, blacksmith shop, saw and grist-mill, and some forty dwelling houses, and occupies one of the most pleasant valleys in this section of Vermont, and is surrounded by a large and prosperous farming community. The Sheffield creamery, a half mile below the village, does a prosperous business.

GIFFIN, ALBERT J., son of George and Ursula (Stevens) Giffin, was born in Hardwick, March 7, 1854, came with his parents to Sheffield when three months old, and was educated in the common schools. In 1875 he went into the store in company with Noah L. Folsom and succeeded so well that he formed a partnership with Mr. Folsom's daughter, Jennie N., to whom he was married May 23, 1877. January, 1885, he was appointed postmaster, which position he still holds. He remained in company with Mr. Folsom until 1888, when the present partnership of Giffin & Simpson was formed. Mr. Giffin is an active and ever-present member of the

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ALBERT J. GIFFIN.

HERMAN P. SIMPSON.

GIFFIN & SIMPSON'S STORE.

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firm. He has been offered public positions, but always declines, preferring to attend to his store and leave the junior member of the firm to wrestle out the political problems.

October 13, 1888, Herman P. Simpson bought a half interest in the firm of Folsom & Giffin, and Noah L. Folsom retired from the business. Since then the firm has been Giffin & Simpson. After doing business in the old store ten years they decided to build new, and in the fall of 1898 took down the old store, which was built by Jewet Hill and later occupied by George Bradley, William L. Pearl, and Isaac K. Kenaston. The new store, 40 by 50 feet and two stories high, is as fine a country store as can be found in Vermont, modern and up-to-date, finished in natural wood, with large plate-glass windows, one room being furnished especially for a waiting and smoking room. They carry a full line of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, paints, patent medicines, and gents' furnishings, in fact, everything that can be found in a first-class store. Their motto: The best goods at a fair profit; attend strictly to business and hustle.

SIMPSON, Herman P., was born in Sheffield, July 28, 1860, a son of Corydon B. and Lovina M. (Gray) Simpson. He was educated at the common schools, St. Johnsbury academy, and Montpelier seminary. In 1883 he went into the employ of Folsom & Giffin as clerk in their store, and remained with them until he bought out Mr. Folsom's interest in 1888. He was appointed assistant postmaster in 1885 and still retains the position. Mr. Simpson is a strong temperance Republican and has been in politics somewhat. He has been a member of the school board several years, he represented Sheffield in the legislature in 1900 and 1902, and has served as Republican county committee, and is a generally useful public man. January 25, 1890, he was united in marriage to Mabel K., daughter of William and Mary (Wright) Dexter. Their children are Alfred D., born March 24, 1891, who was house page in the legislature of 1902, and Erla M., born December 18, 1895.

HALL, Alburtus S., a son of Riley C. and Flora (Barton) Hall,

Alburtus S. Hall.

was born at Barnard, Vermont, January 7, 1872. He was brought up on a farm until eighteen years of age, and was educated at the common schools. His great-grandfather, Moses, came from Barrington, New Hampshire, when Sheffield was mostly a wilderness; cleared up a farm upon which he and his son Sylvester lived, also Riley and Alburtus,

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all on the old "Hall farm." Alburtus has worked in a sawmill some years and is also a carpenter and painter. He married January 18, 1898, Emma C. Farr of Sheffield, daughter of Charles W. and Ella (Joy) Farr. Two children, Ella F., and a boy born November 25, 1903, have blessed their union. They reside at Sheffield village. Mr. Hall is the present town clerk of Sheffield, having been elected to that position in 1901. He is also interested in other public matters and is a generally useful member of society.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL WILLARD.

WILLARD, PAUL, AND WIFE, of Sheffield. Mr. Willard, a son of Samuel and Margaret Willard was born at Sheffield, February 1, 1840, and on September 18, 1864, was married to Orpha A., daughter of George and Mary Jillson of Barton, who was born at Barton, March 5, 1845. They have two children: Gertie and Wylie S. Gertie, born April 9, 1869 married Frank Chesley of Sheffield and has two children, Flossie E., born November 17, 1887, and Virtulon Paul, born December 8, 1890. Wylie S. was born October 8, 1879, and married Maude, daughter of Dr. George W. and Emily Colby of Sutton. They have one child, Cecile Mae, born May 20, 1902. Mr. Willard is one of Sheffield's successful financiers. They reside at Sheffield village.

WHEELOCK.

Population, Census of 1900, 567.

The town of Wheelock was chartered June 14, 1785, to Dartmouth college and Moor's charity school at Hanover, New Hampshire, and named after President Wheelock of that institution. The entire real estate is exempt from state and county taxes. The town was surveyed under the direction of Abraham Morrill, agent. In 1790 the first settlement was made by Joseph Page, Abraham Morrill, and Dudley Swasey. The first town-meeting was held March 28, 1792, when Abraham Morrill was chosen town clerk; Dudley Swasey, Abraham Morrill and Joseph Vener, selectmen; and Gideon Leavitt, constable. At this meeting the town appointed a committee to "look out a road" through the town.

The first physician in town was Dr. Griffin, followed by Dr. Peaeh, and Dr. John Meggs opened an office at South Wheelock, where the first grist-mill was built and where the first post-office was established, with Abner Hoyt as postmaster.

South Wheelock has no village.

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but is a center of a large farming district, and the post-office still exists. Wheelock village, or Wheelock Hollow, is situated on a stream known as Miller's Run, which flows down from Sheffield through Wheelock to the Passumpsic river in Lyndon. Upon this stream at this village is the sawmill of Alden J. Rennie and the grist-mill of James A. McDowell, in both of which an extensive business is carried on.

The village has two stores, a post-office, church, schoolhouse, town hall, a hotel known as the Caledonia Spring House (connected with the same is the medical, or sulphur, spring), blacksmith shop, and about thirty dwellings. D. B. Leslie also serves the public as a dentist.

The first house built at Wheelock village was on the farm now owned by James A. McDowell, and was built by Samuel Weeks, who also built the first saw and grist-mill at this village.

Wheelock village is some four miles from the railroad at Lyndonville. It is easy of access, a daily stage each way, and with an easy grade highway along the stream, bordered on both sides with some of the best farms in the county with fine farm buildings, it makes one of the most delightful drives for the summer tourist, who can here find a most quiet and cosy home, either at the hotel, where his needs will be amply supplied, or at some of the hospitable homes in the village.

BEAN, GEORGE W., a native of Glover, born in 1840, was a son of Wells and Sarah (Scott) Bean. The family moved to Canada, where they remained until George enlisted in October, 1862, in Company E, Fourth New Hampshire regiment, at West Lebanon. He joined the regiment at Morris Island, South Carolina, at Fort Wagner, was in the siege at Beaufort, did picket duty on boat at Fort Sumter, then went to Norfolk, then on boat campaign up the James river in the Eighteenth corps under General Butler, on to Petersburg, up the Weldon railroad towards Richmond; was wounded in 1863 at Drury's Bluff and sent to the hospital at Point

GEORGE W. BEAN.

Lookout; was furloughed from there, came home, had fever, then returned to hospital, then transferred to New Hampshire and received his discharge in 1864. The company to which Mr. Bean belonged went into the battle of Drury's Bluff with forty-two men and came out with twenty-eight of them killed, wounded, and missing. After discharge from the army he was one year in a hotel at Chester, then one year in a

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factory at Lowell, then came to Vermont and married Caroline M., daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Ufford) Bean of Glover on November 18, 1873. The father of Mrs. Bean was born at Glover in 1802, and died in that town in 1884. In the War of 1812 he, a lad of few years, was employed in carrying provisions, on horseback, to the American troops stationed at Derby. After farming a few years they moved to the Hollow about 1880.

Mr. Bean never recovered use of his arm, which was shot through at the wrist. He receives a liberal pension and owns a comfortable home in the village.

CRAIG, ARCHIBALD, was born at Peacham, August 1, 1843, one of a family of three boys and two girls, children of Matthew M. and Mary (Jentles) Craig, who emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland, and settled in Peacham. Archibald, a graduate of "the little red schoolhouse," went out to work on a farm when a small boy and "took care of himself." He enlisted in the War of the Rebellion in 1861, in Company D, Sixth Vermont, was in the battle at Antietam, seven days before Richmond, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Spottsylvania, Lee's Mills, Wilderness, and others. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg and at Lee's Mills, and was in the hospital about four months. He was discharged October 28, 1864. After the war he went to work for Robert Alexander of Brownington, and remained with him five years at a salary of $30 a month, and during his full term there were only eleven days that he did not work, and at the end of the five years not a dollar of his wages had been drawn from his employer. He was married March 17, 1869, to Martha A. Atkins of Brownington, and in company with his father-in-law bought a farm in Sheffield. In 1870 he bought Atkins' interest in the farm, and erected buildings on the same. In 1873 he sold the farm, bought one in Sutton, then bought at Sutton village, then bought a home in Burke. In 1886 he bought and moved on to a farm in Wheelock, lived on the same sixteen

ARCHIBALD CRAIG.

years, and then moved to his present home in Wheelock Hollow. He was overseer of highways in Sutton, Burke, Sheffield, and Wheelock, being road commissioner in Wheelock three years, and has been selectman six years; he represented the town in the legislature in 1896. He is president and a director of the Sheffield Creamery company, a member of F. and A. M., Junior Order United American Mechanics, P. of H.,

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and Grand Army. Mr. and Mrs. Craig have one child, Lillian L., who married H. J. Mattison and resides in Wheelock.

McDOWELL, JAMES A., one of a family of five boys and three girls, children of Thomas and Sarah (Suffirn) McDowell, was born in Sheffield, March 31, 1855, on a farm, where he remained until twenty-one years of age. He was educated in the common schools and at the Orleans Liberal institute at Glover. When he left home he bought the old home farm in Sheffield, stayed there for a time, then went to Greensboro, where he bought cattle and sheep for Ricker for some ten years, and remained there twelve years. While there he was school director three years, selectman five years and chairman of the board for four years. He was also justice of the peace and constable for some years. In 1901 he purchased the grist-mill at Wheelock Hollow, which he now owns and which is doing a grain and feed business which is rarely equaled in any town off from the railroad. About Jan-

JAMES A. McDOWELL.

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uary, 1903, he became the owner of the farm formerly belonging to Judge Charles Rogers, at the Hollow. He is also engaged quite extensively in the lumber business, and is ready for a deal in anything. In short, he is a man that wants to do something and finds something to do. In connection with a few others he has done much to revive business at Wheelock.

Mr. McDowell was married February 13, 1884, to Nancy L., daughter of Thomas B. and Sarah (O'Hara) Pratt. Two children have been born to them: Vieva, born March 3, 1891, and died September 1, 1891, and Dean, born August 20, 1896.

In connection with Alden J. Renin he has lately bought lumber land at South Wheelock, where they will erect a sawmill to manufacture the same.

HOFFMAN, FRED, a descendant of Frederick Hoffman, a German soldier, is a son of Frederick H., and grandson of Harry Hoffman, who came to Lyndon from Rhode Island. Fred was born in Burke, December 17, 1850. When he was fourteen years old his parents moved to Lyndon, where he was educated at the common and select schools at the center. When twenty-one he left the farm and worked as fireman on the Passumpsic railroad for two years, when, his father's health failing, he returned to the farm. October 24, 1876, he married Jennie O., daughter of Levi Sleeper of Newark. Their only child, Grace E., was born September 27, 1886. Fred lived on the old farm until 1880, when he moved on to the "Chase" farm in Wheelock, which he sold in 1894, and they moved to Wheelock village, where they now reside. When on a farm Mr. Hoffman was a breeder of fine Morgan horses and has always been interested in the horse business. He owned a livery stable at Hardwick, which he sold in 1903. He is agent for various kinds of farm machinery. Fred is a solid Republican and represented Wheelock in the legislature in 1902. He has served as lister nine years, overseer nine years, first constable seven

FRED HOFFMAN.

years, school director three years, and road commissioner one year, and has filled other public positions.

ORCUTT, GEORGE A., son of Sidney and Sarah (Jewett) Orcutt, was born at Denmark, Maine, December 9, 1871. He attended the common and the high schools at Denmark. In 1892 he entered the employ of the Grand Trunk Railroad company as baggage master. At the end of

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one year he began work as a teamster for A. W. Walker of South Paris, Maine, and remained there two years, then worked at farming three years. In 1898 he was employed as assistant in the care of horses at Theodore N. Vail's in Lyndon. Then he went to Connecticut and worked as attendant at the insane asylum, then was employed by the E. & T. Fairbanks company for fifteen months. Having acquired a general acquaintance with the affairs of the world he decided to enter the mercantile profession, and he came to Wheelock and, in January, 1901, purchased the business of the only general store in town, and has ever since conducted here a prosperous and increasing business. On August 1, 1900, he was married to Alma I., daughter of Abram and Izette (Eggleston) Thomas of Wheelock. One little daughter is the result of their union. Miss Alma I. Thomas was born at Whee-

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE A. ORCUTT.

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lock, January 24, 1883. She was educated at the common schools in Wheelock, and later graduated from the Lyndon institute in June, 1900.

Mr. Orcutt was appointed postmaster in 1901, and still retains the position. He is also a member of the F. and A. M., the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Patrons of Husbandry, and a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

ALDEN J. RENNIE.

RENNIE, ALDEN JUDEVINE, of Wheelock, was born at Barton, Vermont, April 17, 1850. His father, George Rennie, was born in Scotland and served seven years as apprentice to learn the miller's trade. He afterwards came to Vermont and married Sarah Stone, a daughter of the famous "fortune teller" of Glover. Mr. George Rennie died when Alden was four years of age, after which the family lived in Glover, Irasburg, and Barton until 1865, when Alden and his mother purchased a farm in Sutton. After a few years the mother married again, and Alden went out to work. He was in the employ of S. N. Doyle

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four years, where he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked some years. He bought the Arnold Taft sawmill at Sutton about 1878, which he later built over and fitted with steam power, shingle and dressing-mill. He also built a house and barn near the mill. He bought the Jones mill at South Wheelock and run the Whipple mill for five years. He then owned for a short time the Sheffield mill and mill house, then bought the Walter mill at Burke and sold the power to the town of Lyndon in 1901. In 1898 he built the sawmill at Wheelock, which he still owns and runs as a board mill, shingle and dressing mill, also a cider mill. In 1896 he bought the Caledonia Spring hotel at Wheelock Hollow which he owns, and where the public wants are well looked after, and which has become a popular resort for summer boarders and tourists.

February 18, 1873, he was married to Isabella E. Blake, daughter of Abel Blake of Sutton. Three children were born to them: George A., on April 13, 1875, who married Mary Cooper of Boston; they now reside at Sutton and manage the mill business in that section in connection with his father. A second son, Harry A., was born September 1, 1887, and is with his father in the hotel and mill at Wheelock. They also had one daughter, Ella, who died at three years of age.

Mr. Rennie is a member of the Odd Fellows and encampment, was first councilor and charter member of Junior Order United American Mechanics, also charter member of the Good Templars at Wheelock, and is one of the town's hustlers in business, and in connection with a few others has done much to revive and boom Wheelock. In company with James A. McDowell of Wheelock he has lately bought a tract of lumber land at South Wheelock, where they will erect a mill and manufacture the same.

LESLIE, DANFORTH B., a son of Walker C. and Caroline (Wheeler) Leslie, was born in Sutton, July 12, 1839; came to Wheelock in 1843 with his parents on to a farm, where

DANFORTH B. LESLIE.

he received his early training. His education was of the traditional "red schoolhouse" stamp, the kind that has made in Vermont so large a number of practical men. On November 30, 1872, he was married to Mrs. Ellen L. (Drenan) Collins, from Hardwick, whose first husband, Thomas Collins, died in the War of the Rebellion, and was the first dead soldier brought home to Woodbury in 1863. She had one son, James

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D., who married and had one daughter, Grace Jewett Collins, born in 1884, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie since her father's death in 1890. Mr. Leslie's father and mother lived with him, his mother dying about two years ago, and his father dying October 14, 1903, aged ninety-five years. Mr. Leslie is a dentist by profession and does quite an extensive business at Wheelock. He has filled many positions as town officer, represented Wheelock in the legislature in 1898, was county commissioner for four years and re-elected for two more, and has been deputy sheriff for over twenty years.

DANVILLE.

Population, Census of 1900, 1,784.

This town was named in honor of the distinguished French admiral, D'Anville.

The tract and some adjoining land was originally granted under the authority of New York, with the name of Hillsborough.

October 27, 1786, Vermont granted to Jacob Bailey, Jesse Leavenworth, and others a new township lying near the center of the Hillsborough grant. Naturally disagreements respecting boundary lines and titles arose between the proprietors and the settlers, and the whole question was referred to the legislature, which issued a new charter to the proprietors November 12, 1802. Considerable additions to the original township have been made by the annexation in 1892 of Walden Gore, and in 1810 of a tract of 5,310 acres lying between Peacham and Danville, called "The Boot."

Danville was selected as the shire town of Caledonia county and remained so until the county buildings were removed to St. Johnsbury in 1855. In 1805 the general assembly convened here. In the spring of 1783 or 1784, Charles Hacket made a small clearing on what is now called the "Isaac Morrill pitch.". In March, 1784, Captain Charles Sias made the first actual permanent settlement in town. Mr. Sias brought with him his wife and ten children.

During the year 1785 or the spring of 1786 some fifty emigrants from New Hampshire and Massachusetts settled as squatters.

During the War of 1812 Danville raised a company of volunteers to serve six months, which was stationed near Canada line. During the Civil war Danville furnished 245 men, including reënlistments.

GOSS, ASHLEY J., son of Albert and Jane (Northrup) Goss, was born in Peacham, August 4, 1866. He was brought up on the paternal farm, where he formed correct habits, and a strong constitution, and completed his education at Peacham academy under C. A. Bunker. Leaving home at eighteen years of age, he went to Monterey, California, and was variously employed at Hotel Del Monte six years, where he enjoyed an interesting and valuable experience. Returning to Vermont in the fall of 1891, he came to West Danville and began a three years' apprenticeship at the stone cutter's trade with Willox & Armstrong. After working with this firm one year as a journeyman, he went into the granite business for himself, and has successfully continued here until the present time. Beginning in a

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small way, he now usually employs a full gang of fifteen men, and is prepared to execute all kinds of monumental work in the best mod-

ASHLEY J. GOSS.

ern style. He uses the best Barre, Hardwick, and Newport stock, and is prepared to fill orders for any New England or foreign granite.

Mr. Goss married, in 1891, Nellie, daughter of Ethan and Hulda Miner of Peacham. They have two children: Austin Miner and Hattie J. Goss.

Ashley J. Goss has been a school director of Danville for seven years, is a member of the board of civil authority, and is highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen and in every relation of life. He is a past patron of the Eastern Star, and a past master of Washburn lodge, No. 92, F. & A. M., having passed all of the chairs. He is also a member of Damon lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Danville.

CARTER, DR. OSCAR EVERETT, son of Dr. Americus Jackson and Mary A. (Leavitt) Carter, was born in Missouri, May 30, 1859. His father was a Kentuckian, and his mother a native of Wheelock, Vermont, where the family moved at the close of the Rebellion. Here the subject of this sketch passed his boyhood, and his literary education was completed at Lyndon institute. He studied medicine three years with his father, and completed his medical education at Dartmouth, and at the medical department of the University of Vermont, from which he graduated in 1884.

He married Miss Lou E. Paige, daughter of John D. and Lydia (Day) Paige of Sheffield in 1883. In July, 1884, Dr. Carter moved to

OSCAR E. CARTER, M. D.

North Danville and began the practice of his profession, where he remained until 1892, when he formed a partnership with N. C. B. Havi-

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land, M. D., then of Danville, and moved to this village.

Dr. Carter was thoroughly devoted to the practice of his profession, and his practice steadily increased, and at the time of his sudden and lamented death in January, 1904, had become extensive in this and surrounding towns. He was a man of warm sympathies and formed strong friendships with his brethren of the medical profession. His interests centered in his professional life-work and in his domestic relations, which were always most happy. He was ever a devoted husband, a true friend, and an upright citizen.

Dr. Carter was one of a family of three sons and two daughters, all of whom survive him, and his aged father and mother are still living. One brother, G. A. Carter, M. D., is located at Hardwick, and the other, R. A. Carter, D. D. S., is located at Lyndonville. Dr. Carter was a member of Washburn lodge, No. 92, F. & A. M., and a prelate of Damon lodge, No. 16, Knights of Pythias, of Danville.

FRASIER, GILMAN V., son of Curtis and Sally (Seaver) Frasier, was born at Albany, Vermont, July 12, 1850. At fifteen years of age he moved with the family to East Burke, where he received a good farm and common school training. Leaving home at eighteen years of age, he went to Boston, and there learned the painter's trade, which he followed until 1881, when he went to West Concord, and rented the West Concord House, which he successfully conducted two years. He then returned to East Burke, erected a store, and for two years engaged in general merchandising. In the fall of 1885 he went to Riverside, California, and located in the hotel business in company with M. S. Rowell, also a Vermonter. At

GILMAN V. FRASIER.

Riverside and Los Angeles Mr. Frasier and his partner conducted four hotels, where during the boom times they furnished from one thousand to fifteen hundred meals a day, and made a mint of money, losing a large share of it in the collapse of values that came in the hard times of 1891. Compelled by declining health to make a change of climate, he returned to Vermont and resumed trade at his store at East Burke, which meanwhile had been rented, and was soon after appointed postmaster, retaining that position four years with his business, which he then sold to Croft & Webster.

He then went to St. Johnsbury and engaged in the hotel business for two years enjoying a thriving patronage. In 1895 he went

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to Barton, and became well known as the popular traveling salesman of the Percival Manufacturing company for four years. He then became a large stockholder, director and vice-president of the Percival Furniture company, which bought out the Percival Manufacturing company, and continued as the traveling salesman of that company until October, 1902, when he removed to West Danville and bought the stock and rented the store of Perkins & Wakefield, the leading general store of the village. Mr. Frasier carries all the lines usually found in a first-class general store, and is doing an active and increasing business. The public confidence was expressed by his immediate appointment as postmaster at West Danville.

With a remarkably wide and varied experience of men and affairs, excellent practical judgment and a genial personality, Mr. Frasier has been successful as salesman, landlord, and financier.

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WATERFORD.

Population, Census of 1900, 705.

The town was originally chartered under the name of Littleton to Benjamin Whipple, November 8, 1780. The more euphonious name of Waterford, expressive of the early custom of fording the Connecticut, was adopted in 1797. The proprietors' records show that a proprietors' meeting, held in Barnet in 1783, was adjourned to the house of James Adams in "said Littleton," which shows that Mr. Adams, presumably the first settler, was here as early as 1783. The next settlers were Joseph and John Woods, who came as early as 1784 or '85, and settled on the Passumpsic river. Soon after the Pikes, Daniel and Nathan, and their families, located as the pioneers in the eastern part of the town.

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The town was organized in 1793. The first town officers were: Selah Howe, clerk; Peter Sylvester, Daniel Pike, and Nehemiah Hadley, selectmen; Samuel Fletcher, constable, and Abel Goss treasurer. Other early settlers were Luther Knight, Jonathan Ross, Alpheus Bugbee, Sylvanus Hemingway, Rev. Silas Davison, Deacon Parley Church, Eli Green, Elijah and Aaron Freeman, William Brown, Jesse Stoddard, John Stiles, Asa Hovey, and others, nearly all of whom have lineal descendants now living in town. The first sawmill was built by Soloman Pomeroy, near the present mill at Waterford village, and the first hotel was built at that village by Warren Call. John Stiles built a sawmill at the outlet of Stiles' pond in 1807, and an oil mill in 1818, and the little hamlet of

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Waterford Hollow, with store and hotel, were formerly located here. The first church was built in 1818, near the center of the town. Dr. Richard F. Rowell began the practice of medicine at Waterford in 1825, and was the leading resident physician for half a century. Four of his six sons served in the Civil war. Dr. Ralph Bugbee, a noted surgeon, was the local physician at Lower Waterford.

The latter village was formerly a lively trade center, when St. Johnsbury was merely a small village, but since the advent of the railroads business here has greatly declined. The village contains the Congregational church, Bowman's hotel, Goss' store, Morrison's blacksmith and repair shop, and a score or more of dwellings.

Waterford has the Union church, a store, grocery, harness shop, blacksmith shop, and sawmill, and about twenty-five residences.

Waterford, with its diversified scenery of mountain and valley, with its fertile soil, hill pastures, and maple groves, is preëminently an agricultural town.

Waterford furnished 130 men for the Union cause during the Civil war, and raised and paid more than $27,000 without entailing a town debt.

Its citizens have ever been noted for their conservative and substantial character, and their hospitality.

LEE, EDWARD PAYSON, son of Nathaniel Lee and Isabel Maria Johnson, his wife, was born, August 5, 1839, in the town of Waterford. He attended the district school, graduated at the St. Johnsbury academy in the class of 1861, and entered Amherst college the same year. Enlisted in Company A, Eleventh regiment, Vermont Volunteers, August 8, 1862. Upon the organization of the company, August 15, he was appointed sergeant, and upon the organization of the regiment, September 7, was commissioned first lieutenant of Company A. On the 23d of November, 1863, promoted to the captaincy of Company B, of the same regiment. Wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864, and with the exception of two months' absence on account of this wound, he was constantly on military duty with the regiment till the close of the war. After the war he was in mercantile business in Boston, Massachusetts till March 15, 1867, when he was appointed deputy collector of customs at Island Pond, Vermont. Resigned in August, 1878, to enter the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal church, and was ordained deacon by the bishop of Vermont June 19, 1879, and priest June 24, 1880. Served as missionary for Grace church, West Rutland, and St. James' church, Hydeville, with services at Castleton and Fairhaven, from July 27, 1879, to January 1, 1883, and again from September, 1883, to October, 1891. Missionary in the diocese of Maine from January 1 to August, 1883. Rector of St. James' church, West Somerville, Massachusetts, from December, 1892, to September, 1896. Missionary at Ashland, Maine, from November, 1896, to May, 1898. Rector of Christ church, Island Pond, from July 22, 1898.

Married Permelia Ursuline, youngest daughter of Elisha Brown and Phebe Harrington Fenton, his wife, at Attleboro, Massachusetts,

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September 11, 1866, died January 31, 1875. Three children were born of this marriage: Edith Marguerite, born May 15, 1869, died January 20, 1875; Florence Permelia, born July 18, 1871, died February 7, 1875, and Edward Brown, born January 22, 1875.

REV. EDWARD P. LEE.

Married Sarah Bard, daughter of the Rev. John McVickar, D. D., professor in Columbia college, New York, October 3, 1880, died February 7, 1886.

Married Virginia Howard, daughter of Caleb Howard Johnson, M. D., and Maria Morrill Young, his wife, at Bangor, Maine, May 1, 1891. One daughter has been born of this marriage, Maria Isabella, born March 16, 1892.

Although he completed only one year of his college course at Amherst he returned at the close of the war and was present at the graduation of his class. Twenty years later at the commencement of 1886 the college gave him his degree for "honorary cause" and assigned him to his place in his class, making him an *alumnus* of the college.

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GRAVES, HERBERT KING. Hon. Richardson Graves came to Concord from Athol, Massachusetts, in 1798, as one of the pioneers of the town, cleared a large farm and built in 1802 a part of the large two-story mansion now standing on the farm. He married Lovina Bradford about 1800, and they had one son, Nathan Jones, born in 1802. Richardson Graves was an energetic and successful man, and held many important offices in town and county.

Nathan J. Graves was a man of slender physique, deeply interested in religious matters and a deacon of the Congregational church many years. He married Lucy Ann Barnard of Lunenburg, and in 1826 one child was born to them, Richardson B. The latter was a cordial friend and highly esteemed townsman. He resided on the old Graves homestead, a fine farm one mile square, in the center of the town, until the spring of 1881, when he removed to the present fine farm in Waterford, known as the Hiram Hill place, three fourths of a mile from East St. Johnsbury. R. B. Graves married, in 1857, Laura A., daughter of Deacon Willard G. King of Lunenburg. Mrs. Graves was a most estimable and refined lady, who died the same fall after the family settled in Waterford.

Herbert King Graves was born in Concord, July 14, 1859, the only child of Richardson B. and Laura (King) Graves. He was educated at the public schools of Concord and at St. Johnsbury academy. He married, in October, 1880, Abbie H., daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Farnham) Hudson of Concord. The four generations of the Graves family have been noted farmers and stock men, and successful financiers. Herbert K. Graves has one of the best herds of thoroughbred Holstein stock in New England, and has been a well known and successful exhibitor for years at the fairs. He is a poultry fancier and breeder and is breeding the white and the Barred Plymouth Rocks and the White Wyandottes. Mr. Graves' stock of cattle and poultry is in good condition and pure bred, and visitors, either strangers or friends, receive a

HERBERT K. GRAVES.

kindly welcome. The home farm contains about 220 acres in a high state of cultivation, with fine modern buildings, and there are back lots of about 160 acres. The farm supports fifty head of cattle, about seventy-five high grade Shropshire sheep and half a dozen horses. Location considered, it is one of the most desirable farms in northern Vermont. Mr. Graves has been a

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director of the Caledonia County Fair Ground company for the past six years, and is a progressive farmer and good citizen. He has served the town as school director, road commissioner, four years as constable, seven years as lister, and in 1902 represented Waterford in the legislature.

GOSS, EDWARD R., son of Abel B. and Lucy (Ross) Goss, was born in Waterford, January 3, 1868. His

ABEL B. GOSS.

great-grandfather, Abel Goss, came to Waterford in 1792, one of the earliest pioneers, and the next year, at the organization of the town, was elected the first town treasurer.

Richard, one of his sons, married Betsey Buck, and they reared an old-fashioned family of twelve children, of whom only two are now living. Abel B., the seventh son, was born in Barnet, married in 1857 Lucy, one of the twelve children of Royal Ross, and a sister of Judge Jonathan Ross of St. Johnsbury, and was practically a lifelong citizen of Waterford.

A few years after his marriage he settled on the farm now owned by Charles Phillips, one mile from Lower Waterford, where five of his six children were born. Abel B. Goss was a prosperous farmer, held important town offices, was many years deacon of the Congregational church, a representative in the legislature and an exemplary man in every relation of life. He died in 1896. His children are: Herbert L., Harlan P., a farmer at Lower Waterford; Eliza M., wife of C. E. James of Lisbon, New Hampshire; Edward R., Ethel A. (deceased), and Mary B. L., wife of M. B. Carpenter of West Concord. Mr. Goss provided a good education for all his children. Herbert was a graduate of St. Johnsbury academy, studied law with Bates & May, was admitted to the Caledonia county bar, and is a successful lawyer in Berlin, New Hampshire; owns the Royal Ross farm, where he was born, the Orsino Goss farm, and the Freeman farm adjoining, aggregating 700 acres, and still maintains a lively interest in the local affairs of his native town.

Edward R. Goss was a farmer on the ancestral Ross farm, but in April, 1903, bought the store and stock of goods at Lower Waterford, and conducts a thrifty business in general merchandise. He also superintends the extensive farming interests of his brother Herbert, and is a most useful citizen. He married, in 1899, Cora, daughter of Myron and Emily Lewis of St. Johnsbury. They have two children: Helen E. and Merle R.

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HARRIS, CHARLES D., son of Timothy and Hannah (Porter) Harris, was born in Danville, February 20, 1842. At ten years of age he went to Peacham, lived with an uncle, attended Peacham academy, and later found employment with farmers. He enlisted from that town in August, 1863, in Company M, Eleventh Vermont regiment. He participated in the battles of Spottsylvania, Petersburg, Cold Harbor, Winchester, Cedar Creek, and others, and was wounded in the thigh at Winchester.

Returning from the front in September, 1865, the next year he bought the John Brown farm in Waterford, and soon after married Miss Isabella Farrow of Peacham. It is a pleasant and sightly upland farm of 160 acres in the southwestern part of the town. In 1878 Mr. Harris erected the present commodious farm house, and being an industrious and tidy farmer he has kept pace with the march of modern improvement. He conducts a dairy of from twelve to fifteen cows, uses a separator, and is a stockholder of Trout Brook creamery. Mr. Harris is universally respected as one of the substantial and worthy citizens of Waterford, is a member of Chamberlain post, G. A. R., of St. Johnsbury, and has served as selectman. Chas. D. and Isabella Harris have reared their family of three children on their homestead: Charles E. Harris, M. D., a graduate of St. Johnsbury academy, is in successful practice in Hyannis, Massachusetts; Nellie E. is the wife of Julian P. Laughlin of Barnet, and Bertha M. resides with her parents.

HOVEY, EMORY E., represents a staunch family of men, well known as extensive and successful farmers, and a century of continuous ownership and occupation of a fine old homestead, where four generations have appreciated and enjoyed the solid advantages of a permanent home. He was a son of William and Lydia (Richardson) Hovey, and was born in 1841. Receiving a good practical training in the district school, in the privileges and labors of the farm, and the duties of citizenship, he has been content to achieve a modest competence, "far from the maddiug crowd's ignoble strife." He remained on the paternal acres and solaced the declining years of his aged parents. When the tocsin of war sounded he enlisted in Company K, Fifteenth regiment, Vermont volunteers, Colonel Redfield Proctor.

Returning from the tented field, he found a suitable life partner, Emily, daughter of Orson and Julia Cushman of Waterford, and they have reared a family of six children, all living and well settled. Fred E. is located at San Francisco, California, Frank O., Stephen R., and Edna E. are residents of New York city, Nellie C. is the wife of Conrad Beck of St. Johnsbury, and Guy W. takes the active management of the old homestead, a fine farm of about 200 acres at West Waterford. Emory E. Hovey is a loyal son of Waterford in every relation of life, a member of Chamberlain post, G. A. R., and in 1896 was a member of the legislature. He has held several prominent offices in town and has often been called upon to preside on public occasions.

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HASTINGS, FRANK W., son of Warren and Lydia (Richardson) Hastings, was born in Waterford, December 31, 1856. He comes of strong pioneer stock, by his paternal and maternal ancestry. Warren Hastings was a man of strong convictions, resolute will, an ultra temperance man in principle and practice. He was a successful farmer and prominent citizen of Waterford, and a representative in the legislature of '64-'65.

Frank W. Hastings, until recently a resident of St Johnsbury, was practically a lifelong citizen of Waterford. His education was completed at St. Johnsbury academy, from which he graduated in the

FRANK W. HASTINGS.

class of 1875. He married, in 1878, Emilie, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ballou) Houghton of Waterford, and they resided on the paternal farm at West Waterford twenty-five years, until the recent sale.

The members of the family were excellent amateur musicians and their accomplishment was in frequent demand at the social functions of church, grange, and neighborhood. Mr. Hastings entered the ranks of Vermont authors by the production of "Wed to a Lunatic," a work saturated with wit and humor, of which two editions have been issued. He has also corresponded for several periodicals. Elected to the legislature in 1898, he was a member of the general committee and was recognized by his apt repartee and liberal tastes. In 1900 Mr. Hastings bought the Judge Ross residence at St. Johnsbury, and was in trade a year or more. During the past year he has become the agent of the New York Life Insurance company of New York. F. W. and Emilie (Houghton) Hastings have four children: Edith, a teacher in the Orphan school at Lawrence, Massachusetts; Ira B., who is connected with the wholesale commission house of I. H. Ballou & Co. of Boston; Hugh W., a law student at Western Reserve university, Cleveland, Ohio., and Frances, who resides with her parents.

HASTINGS, STEPHEN J., son of Warren and Lydia (Richardson) Hastings, was born in Waterford, February 10, 1850. Josiah Hastings, his grandfather, and a brother, Amasa, came from Royalston, Massachusetts, in 1798, and settled on Hastings' hill. Warren Hastings was a substantial citizen, and town representative in 1864-'65. Stephen J. Hastings attended St. Johnsbury

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academy and was a member of the class of 1873 at Dartmouth college. In 1871 Mr. Hastings married Althea C., daughter of Amos and Cosbi (Parker) Carpenter, and soon after settled on a fine farm in Waterford, one mile from Passumpsic, where he has since resided. The farm contains about four hundred acres, and everything considered is one of the best in town. Mr. Hastings is well known as a successful Jersey breeder and dairyman, and now keeps about seventy-five head of cattle, including thirty cows. His sugar place of fifteen hundred trees is equipped with new tin buckets and modern appliances.

During the past two years, Judge Hastings has given attention to market gardening for the St. Johnsbury market, and the sale of beef. His farmhouse was consumed January 1, 1897, but six months later the family moved into their present fine residence, which was handsomely finished in hard woods growing upon the farm when the fire occurred. Judge Hastings is widely and favorably known in fraternal and political circles. He has held the usual town offices, and served three consecutive terms as school director. He was sent to the legislature in 1882, and in the following year was appointed by Governor Barstow one of the Vermont representatives at the Farmers' congress in New York city, and later reappointed. He served as assistant judge of Caledonia county in 1894-'96, also master of Passumpsic Valley grange. Judge Hastings is a Knight Templar of Palestine commandery, and has been noble grand of Caledonia lodge, also C. P. of Caledonia chapter, Odd Fellows, of St. Johnsbury. Harold S., his eldest son, associated with him in business, is a graduate St. Johnsbury academy, sergeant of Company D, Vermont National

STEPHEN J. HASTINGS.

Guard, and won the highest score of his team at Seagirt. He is active in church and social circles, and is overseer of Pleasant Valley grange. Althea L. Hastings is a graduate of the Johnson Normal school and a teacher at Saxton's River. Frank B., a student at St. Johnsbury academy, and Dora E. reside at home.

BROWN, ELISHA W., son of Bradley D. and Mary M. (Ross) Brown, was born in Waterford, May 22, 1852. He is descended from the earliest and most respected of the

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pioneers of Waterford. William Brown came to Waterford about 1800, and located on the place where Elisha W. Brown now lives, and

ELISHA W. BROWN.

which has been the home of five generations of the family for more than a century. His son, Elisha, married Mehitable, daughter of Oliver Taylor, in 1807, and they had two sons and six daughters. Bradley D. Brown, son of Elisha, born in 1818, remained on the farm during his entire life, was a substantial citizen, long a deacon of the Congregational church, and a representative in the legislature. He died in the spring of 1900. Amanda (Mrs. J. C. Eusminger), eldest of his three children, resides in Florida; Dwight died in 1880; Elisha W. married Ella H. Blodgett in 1880, who died in 1882. He married for his second wife, Eliza C., daughter of Willard and Jane (Parker) Kinne, and they have two sons: Harry, born in 1881, and Dwight, born in 1889. Willard Kinne was a very enterprising farmer and citizen of Waterford, holding many town offices.

The home farm contains 160 acres, including about fifty acres of Connecticut river intervale, and carries thirty-five to forty head of cattle, including a dozen or more grade Durham cows and several horses. The farm is an excellent one, with commodious buildings, located one mile from Lower Waterford.

The main part of the house, one of the oldest in town, and built nearly a century ago, is still in good repair.

Elisha W. Brown is one of the most substantial and useful citizens of Waterford. He completed a good education at St. Johnsbury academy, and has been superintendent of schools and school director two terms. He has served as selectman and represented Waterford in the legislature of 1890. For the past five years he has been town clerk and treasurer.

BLODGETT, VOLNEY B., son of Ephraim and Louisa (Kidder) Blodgett, was born in Waterford in 1847. His boyhood years were spent upon a farm in Waterford. At the age of twenty-one he began life without a dollar and with only a common school education as a farm hand, and worked out on farms about six years. He married Adell M. Nutting of Danville in 1872, and bought a small farm and carried it on very successfully until 1897, when he bought Meadow Brook farm of Mosely Hovey. This is one of the very best farms in Waterford, with spacious buildings, situated about two and one half miles from West Concord depot.

He still owns the little farm of

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100 acres where he laid the foundations of the well-earned competence which he now enjoys. Mr. Blodgett is a successful dairyman, usually keeping about thirty good cows, and annually sells several, replacing them with well bred heifers which he raises. He keeps about fifty head of cattle and the farm team. Mrs. Blodgett died in 1876, leaving two children, Elbert, who owns a neighboring farm, and Adell, principal of the Saxton's River graded school. In 1877 he married Emma, daughter of John Davis of West Concord, and six children have been born to them: Marcia, wife of Fred Cummings of Richmond, Province of Quebec; Pearl W.; Wilber, now attending the St. Johnsbury Business college; Edson, Harold, and E. Ruth Blodgett. By steady industry, economy, and good judgment, Mr. Blodgett has made farming a financial success. He has served the town several terms as chairman of the board of selectmen.

BROWN, FRANK W., son of Marcus and Ruth (Woodbury) Brown, was born in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, in 1845. He married Jennie L., daughter of Nathan W. Millen of Waterford, in 1868, and nine years later bought Mr. Millen's farm, and cared for the declining years of the aged couple. The farm, long known as the Deacon Luther Pike farm, one of the earliest settled in town, is located a mile northwest of Lower Waterford, and originally contained 125 acres. When Mr. Brown came here the farm was in a neglected condition, with old buildings and fences, and carrying only a small stock. He cleared the fields of stone, rebuilt fences, took down the old barns, one of them the oldest frame barn in town, and in 1886 built a modern barn, 100 by 44, two floors and entire basement. He has recently rebuilt and modernized the house for two tenements, with a model dairy room, furnace heat, and every needed convenience. The home commands a fine view of the lovely Connecticut river valley, with its mountain background. Mr. Brown is recognized as one of the most energetic and progressive farmers in town and a most successful dairyman. Some years since he purchased a hundred-acre pasture, and he now keeps about fifty head of cattle, including from twenty-eight to thirty cows, and five horses, and sells about three tons of gilt-edge butter annually, at Littleton, at twenty-five cents per pound. For a dozen years he has supplied Thayer's hotel. A public-spirited citizen, he has served the town several terms as school director and selectman.

Celia H., his eldest daughter, is an accomplished music teacher and pianist; Edward M. married Nellie Pugh of Haverhill, and is associated with his father in farming; Ruth E.

RESIDENCE OF FRANK W. BROWN.

married Solon Merrill of Littleton, New Hampshire; Beulah is a student of music residing with her parents.

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PARKS, HIRAM MANN. The subject of this sketch is the worthy living representative of a once numerous and prominent family, best known as country merchants of the old school. He was a son of Ephraim Curtis and Almira Mann Parks, and was born in Waterford in 1829. His grandfather, Levi Parks, formerly a prosperous merchant at Hanover, New Hampshire, but impoverished by paying bondsman paper, came to Waterford early in the century, and the town records show that he was warned out of town as an expected pauper, but he remained and reared a thrifty family. E. Curtis Parks engaged in trade in the old Waterford store about 1820, and for nearly half a century was a familiar figure at the trade and social center of the little village, where he presided as postmaster more than forty years. Two of his sons were merchants there: Curtis, who was known far and near as the leader of the Parks orchestra, and Hiram M. Parks. The latter remained in his native village during his minority, when, having married Alice M. Moulton of Lyman, New Hampshire, he engaged in farming in that town, some fifteen years. Having buried his wife and several infant children, he returned to Waterford in 1869, and soon after purchased the store and stock of goods, which his father superintended for a time, and later he conducted it very successfully some twenty years. Mr. Parks is a man of benevolent nature, sound, practical judgment, and proved integrity. He was postmaster and assistant postmaster many years at Waterford, has assisted in the settlement of estates, and held various town offices. In 1884 he represented Waterford in the legislature. For many years his home has been with his neice, Miss Caroline Streeter, and her father, the late Timothy Streeter, at the historic old house, formerly the Waterford hotel, the scene of many interesting social gatherings.

CROSS, FREDERICK ALANSON, was born in Waterford, December 9, 1807. His boyhood was spent in St. Johnsbury. He was taken, when a young child, by Josiah Thurston, a former sheriff and business man of St. Johnsbury, where he remained until he became of age. During the next twenty years Mr. Cross was engaged in farming and keeping hotels, for a time in company with Otis G. Hale. His business was not extensive, but it was managed with unusual judgment and economy, and he laid the foundations of a prosperous career.

Mr. Cross kept a hotel seven years where Marshall Dodge now resides, near the toll-bridge in Littleton, New Hampshire. In 1849, he moved to his present farm home, about three fourths of a mile from Waterford village, where he has since resided. The farm contains about 125 acres, and Mr. Cross has always superintended this farm until within the past two or three years. He did not possess a specially vigorous constitution, but by prudence, temperance, plain and wholesome living, and cheerful activity, his life has been prolonged to the remarkable age of 96, his birthday occurring the day of our call.

He has helped many a poor man, and has been a worthy citizen. He is to-day the oldest person in town, and the oldest representative of the subscribers for SUCCESSFUL VERMONTERS.

His mind and memory are still

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clear, and he has never used spectacles. Mr. Cross has recently sold his farm to Mr. and Mrs. John J. McIver, still remaining with these excellent people, who have lived here for eight years and who anticipate his every want.

He married Mary Snell of St. Johnsbury in the early forties. Mrs. Cross died in 1876, leaving two children: Miss Ellen E. Cross of Baltimore, Maryland, who is a teacher and medical practitioner; Charles A. Cross, who is located at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, as a prominent business man and wholesale grocer.

HORR, STUART B., son of Josiah and Cora (Heald) Horr, was born at Lovell, Oxford county, Maine, February 28, 1846. He was reared upon a farm. He enlisted in 1864 in the Thirty-second Maine regiment, and took part in the battles of Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and others. He came to Waterford in 1871, and for several years worked here for different farmers. He married in 1878, Celia, daughter of Samuel and Lucinda Church of Waterford. Soon afterwards he bought the Huntoon farm and conducted it about a dozen years, when he purchased the paternal home farm of his wife, a fine farm of 165 acres on Connecticut river, where he has since resided.

Mr. Horr found this farm somewhat neglected, only keeping a small stock. He engaged in dairying, and as his wife is an excellent butter maker, soon found a ready and constant demand for all of his butter at Littleton, New Hampshire, at remunerative prices. He keeps a dairy of twenty or more well-selected cows and makes about 5,000 pounds of butter per annum. He usually keeps about forty head of cattle, ten horses and colts, and twenty swine, and the farm has so increased in fertility that in 1899 he built a model barn, 75x44 feet, with ell 35x26, with entire basement. Mr. Horr is an excellent horseman, and has reared and sold many good ones, and also kept and trained horses and colts for others.

Mr. Horr has acceptably served the town of Waterford many years as constable and collector. He is a man of quiet habits, a good neighbor, public-spirited citizen, and successful farmer.

EDWIN BOWMAN'S HOTEL.

BOWMAN, EDWIN, son of Willard and Tryphena (Abbot) Bowman, was born at Littleton, New Hampshire, in 1842. At twenty years of age he enlisted in Company D., Thirteenth New Hampshire volunteers, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, Drury's Bluff, Petersburg, and others. He married Irene H., daughter of Abial and Jane Richardson in 1865, and has three sons and one daughter: Nellie I., wife of Luther Jewett, a prosperous merchant at St. Johnsbury; Eddie A.,

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Willie R., and Charles H. Bowman. Mr. Bowman is the genial proprietor of the Lower Waterford hotel, a historic old building with solid Doric pillars turned from old growth pine, formerly a noted resort for farmers' teams on the road to Portland and Boston. It is the only hotel on this line between St. Johnsbury and Littleton, commands a beautiful view of the Connecticut valley, with the White mountain peaks in the background, and Mr. Bowman, with his twenty-eight years' experience here, is securing an increasing patronage of summer company. He is one of the landmarks of the village, having been postmaster here fifteen years.

RESIDENCE OF TOBIAS H. LYSTER.

LYSTER, TOBIAS H., son of Philip and Jane (Martin) Lyster, was born in Durham, Province of Quebec, December 9, 1849. At the age of twenty he came to St. Johnsbury, and found employment for the ensuing five years on farms in the town of Waterford. In 1876 he purchased the Joseph A. Gould farm for $5,000, a fine hill farm of 325 acres, located two and a half miles from St. Johnsbury. The land was fertile, a strong, heavy loam, with a southeast slope, but the barns were old, the house had been burned, and the sugar place cut down by the former owner. In 1877 he erected his present residence, a neat, tidy farmhouse, and the next year found a suitable life partner in Miss Ida Hall of Marlborough, New Hampshire, and together they began the Herculean task of lifting the mortgage and building a farm home. For many years they engaged extensively in the poultry business for the St. Johnsbury market. Mr. Lyster set out a small sugar orchard, and an orchard of improved fruit trees. He engaged extensively in dairying, using the De Laval separator, and making and marketing his own butter. He has raised young cattle to replenish his growing dairy, and for beef, but his specialty has been the rearing and selling of White Chester pigs and shoats, in which he has made a decided success, securing many premiums at the county fairs. He now keeps about sixty cows and nearly one hundred head of cattle, the largest stock in the town of Waterford. Globe Stone farm now contains 340 acres, beside a half of a two-hundred-acre back pasture. In 1892 he built his large barn, the second largest in town, 46 by 120 feet, with two floors, deep bays, and entire basement, a model of comfort and convenience.

Mr. Lyster is a busy man, but keeps in touch with modern methods, and is an active member of the Vermont Dairyman's association. His main reliance for carrying his large stock is hay, first and second

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crop, supplemented with Hungarian, green oats, and barley, and a small area of fodder corn.

Starting heavily in debt, the Lysters have surmounted many obstacles and achieved financial success. They affiliate with the N. E. O. P., Green Mountain lodge, of St. Johnsbury. He is a stockholder and director of Passumpsic creamery, and has served the town as selectman, and is a most estimable man in all the relations of life. Mr. and Mrs. Lyster have four children: Junie B., wife of Herbert Lyster of Gilmanton, New Hampshire.; Morton D.; Care T., and Lyle H., the three youngest residing with their parents.

CARPENTER, EZRA PARKER, son of Amos B. and Cosbi (Parker) Carpenter, was born in West Waterford, Vermont, in 1864. The first of the family who emigrated to America was William Carpenter, who came from Wherwell, England, and was one of the early settlers at Weymouth, Massachusetts. Jonah Carpenter, the great-grandfather of Ezra P., was a minute-man of the Revolution, and Isaiah, his son, came to Waterford, where he cleared a farm which has since been the family home. Amos B. Carpenter, his son, now eighty-six years of age, is the oldest granger in New England, the oldest member of the Congregational church of Lower Waterford, and of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M. His is a strong personality, with faculties well preserved. He has published a very comprehensive and able genealogy of the Carpenter family, and is now preparing an appendix. Six of his eight children are now living.

Ezra P. Carpenter remains on the ancestral homestead, and cares for the declining years of his aged parents. He graduated from St. Johnsbury academy in 1887, and four years later married Mabel F., daughter of Capt. Edwin L. Hovey of St. Johnsbury. They have six children: Burleigh N., Edwin H., Cosbi P., Amos B., Miner Herbert, and Edith May.

Mr. Carpenter is a successful dairyman, having a dairy of more than forty cows. In company with his brother, Miner, he established, in 1893, "Trout Brook creamery," the nucleus of an important enterprise.

Ezra P. Carpenter is a progressive and enterprising young man. He has served his native town as superintendent of schools, selectman, six years justice of peace, and is now school director and overseer of the poor. He was the first master of Pleasant Valley grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He was appointed by Governor Stickney one of the four delegates from Vermont to the Farmers' National Congress in 1902. In religious views Mr. Carpenter is a Congregationalist and a deacon of the church.

"HOMORIENT FARM." This fine farm of three hundred and twenty-five acres is pleasantly located one half mile from Passumpsic village, and two and a half miles from St. Johnsbury. It is historic ground. For more than half a century it was the home of Hon. Ezra A. Parks, a familiar and prominent figure in the agricultural, business, social, and political circles of Caledonia county. It is now owned and carried on by his only living daughter, Emilie L. Eastman. Judge Parks was a member of a once numerous and influential family, a son of Levi

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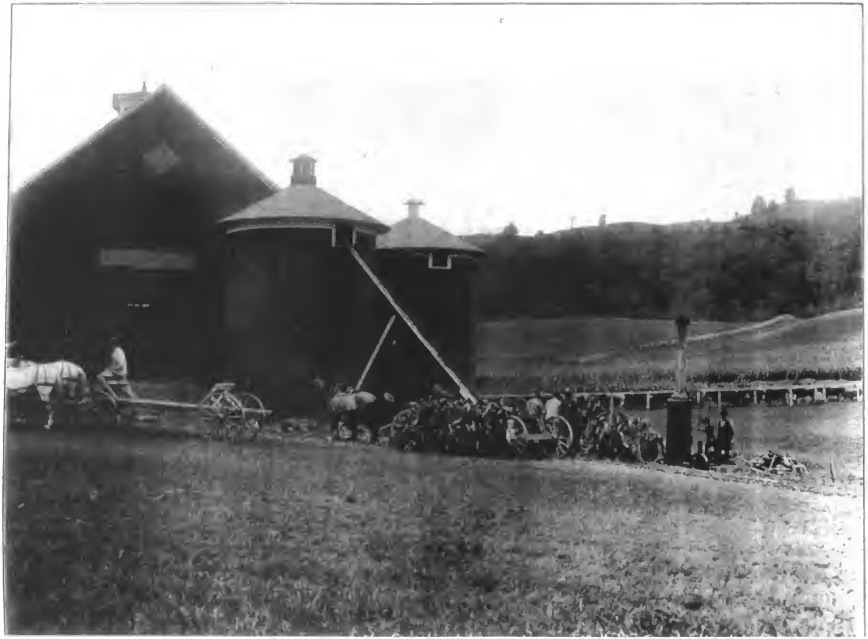
FILLING THE SILO AT "HOMORIENT FARM.



Parks, many years a leading merchant at Passumpsic. He married Louisa M., daughter of Preston Thayer of Concord, Vermont. Of their six children, only two, Mrs. Eastman and Charles E. Parks of Boston, are now living.

Judge Parks represented his town in the legislature, served as associate judge, but was perhaps best known as the long-time and popular president of the Caledonia County Agricultural society, and of the Fair Ground company. He died in 1897, at the age of seventy-six.

Richard B. Eastman was a prominent architect in Brooklyn and married Miss Emilie L. Parks in 1880. At the death of Judge Parks, the Eastmans moved to the fine old paternal homestead, which was hallowed by so many fond associations, and which has since been the family home. Judge Parks was esteemed a successful dairyman, and at the time of his death the farm carried forty-three head of cattle, including twenty-three cows and a few swine. Mrs. Eastman took up the work of developing the dairy business with characteristic thoroughness and energy, put in a butter plant, and within a year secured excellent and remunerative markets for a large and constantly increasing output of strictly gilt-edge butter. She enjoys the patronage of the New Algonquin club, Hotel Brunswick, and Hotel Somerset of Boston, also Ilesboro Inn, Dark Harbor, the Louisburg, and Bar Harbor, Maine. Twice each year she visits her Boston customers. "Homorient Farm" is one of the best located and most productive farms in the Connecticut valley, and under the present intensive system of culture is rapidly increasing in productiveness. During the past three years the farm has averaged to keep eighty head of Jersey cattle, including sixty cows, also about fifty swine. Even last year a fine crop of well-matured field corn was raised, beside filling two silos of three hundred tons capacity. The early Mastodon ensilage corn is immensely productive. Among the many improvements recently made we note the purchase of a neighboring house, where the foreman boards the farm help.

The home at "Homorient Farm" is provided with the treasures of art, literature, and music, and fully sustains its former high prestige for cordial hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. Eastman have had three children: Mabel Louise, who died in infancy; Helen Louise, who attends St. Johnsbury academy, and Richard Parks, a pupil at the Union school. Mrs. Eastman is a member and constant attendant of the North Congregational church, also a prominent member of the Woman's club.

Mr. Eastman owns a fine private library, is an original and well-informed gentleman, a Shriner, a member of Kismet temple, Brooklyn, and a 32° Mason.

SHEPHERD, Francis Holley, son of Saunders and Lydia (Bishop) Shepherd, was born at Dudswell, Province of Quebec, April 27, 1851. A stalwart, farm-bred youth, at the age of twenty-one he came to Waterford, was employed as a teamster, and later worked upon farms in the neighborhood where he now resides. In 1876 he married Emily E., daughter of N. and Mary (Weymouth) Moreau, and they removed to a small farm in his native town,

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where they spent the first seven years of their married life. In 1883 they returned to Waterford to the Moreau farm, and cared for the later years of the elderly couple, and here they have since resided.

"Glenvale," a productive three-hundred acre farm, is located a half mile from Passumpsic village, and is conducted as a dairy farm, with a fine herd of from twenty-five to thirty-five grade Jerseys, and a cream route at St. Johnsbury. For three years Mr. Shepherd traveled as an agent in the sale and installation of the De Laval separators, and put in the first one used in the county. He possesses the imaginative foresight and push so essential for taking the initiative in new enterprises, and was the pioneer in this town in the use of the circular silo. He first suggested the location of the St. Johnsbury creamery, and was a partner with C. H. Higgins in building and operating it for three years. He has successfully represented several prominent manufacturers of farm machinery, and is now the agent of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company of Montpelier. He has acceptably served as lister five years, and knows Waterford like a book. During the past twenty years he has more than trebled the income of the farm, and ranks as one of the most successful farmers of the county.

Mr. Shepherd is a member of Caledonia lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., and with Mrs. Shepherd affiliated with Green Mountain lodge, No. 49, N. E. O. P. The children of F. H. and Emily (Moreau) Shepherd are: Francis Saunders, a proficient bookkeeper; Ernest Moreau, who conducts the cream route and is associated with his father in farming; and Raymond E., a student in St. Johnsbury academy.

JOHNSON, Niles G., son of Peter and Martha (Thompson) Johnson, was born in Lunenburg in 1849, came to Waterford in 1863, and worked on farms two years. In 1865 he married Ellen, daughter of Isaac Lewis, and soon after bought his father-in-law's farm, where he has since resided.

The farm is located one mile from the village of Waterford, and contains 135 acres, besides outlying lands of some seventy-five acres, and has been conducted largely as a dairy farm, with from ten to seventeen cows, mainly grade Jerseys. Sugar making has been an important feature. Mr. Johnson is a thorough and successful farmer and respected citizen. He was formerly in trade for a time at Waterford, where he was postmaster. He has held several town offices, selectman and road commissioner, and is a stockholder and director in Trout Brook creamery. Niles and Ellen Lewis Johnson have one daughter, Flora W., who married George S. Wallace. A nephew, C. Irving Harvey, has resided with Mr. Johnson from infancy.

George S., son of Nelson and Nancy (Willey) Wallace, was born in Concord in 1867. Nelson Wallace was a soldier of the Civil war. George S. Wallace is the proprietor of the general store at Waterford, and is doing a thrifty and steadily increasing business. Mr. Wallace carries grain, flour, feed, phosphate, and agricultural implements, in fact, a general assortment adapted to the local trade, and also handles farmers' produce. A prudent, relia-

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ble young man, he is ably assisted by his capable wife, and his enterprise is the leading one at Waterford village.

LYNDONVILLE FROM LYNDON INSTITUTE.

LYNDON.

Population, Census of 1900, 2,956.

The town of Lyndon was located by a committee consisting of Hon. Jonathan Arnold, Daniel Cahoon, and Daniel Owen, representing an association of about fifty citizens of Providence, Rhode Island.

On November 20, 1780, the town was chartered, six miles square, being the fourth town chartered in Caledonia county. The town is pleasantly situated on both sides of the Passumpsic river, which is largely formed in this town by its numerous tributaries from the surrounding towns. On this river near the St. Johnsbury line, at Great falls, is an excellent water-power, where the Lyndon Electric Light and Power company's works are located. About one mile above, at Little falls, is also a fine water-power. Here are located the Ide grist-mill and the leather board manufactory. These mills, together with several other buildings in connection, were formerly owned and occupied by the Lyndon Mill company.

Lyndon (P. O.) village, located in the southern part of the town, on the railroad, was once the business center of the town. It contains a fine school building, two churches, and several stores.

Lyndon Center village is the seat of the Lyndon institute, also of the town hall. There is in this village one church, one large school building besides the institute, one store, and post-office.

Lyndonville, the principal village in town, is beautifully located in the Passumpsic valley. It contains the railroad shops, which employ a large force of men. Here are located a large number of fine stores, shops, and public buildings, two hotels, a village hall, five churches, a graded school, and many very beautiful residences.

In April, 1788, Daniel Cahoon, Jr., began the first settlement in town, his residence being a camp

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made of boughs. He was soon followed by Jonathan Davis, Nathan Hines, Daniel Hall, and others. In 1789, Mr. Davis' wife came, she being the first woman to settle in town. They "kept house" in Mr. Cahoon's *new log house*. In 1791 settlements had been commenced in different parts of the town, and the total population was about sixty. On July 4 of this year they celebrated Independence day by the organization of the town. At this meeting "Elder" Philemon Hines was elected moderator, Daniel Cahoon, clerk; James Spooner, Daniel Resuff, and Daniel Cahoon, Jr., selectmen and listers; Nehemiah Tucker, treasurer; and Nathan Hines, constable and collector. The first child born in town was a son to Nathan Hines, February 9, 1791. The first death was of the first settler, Daniel Cahoon, Jr., of consumption, June 11, 1793, aged twenty-six. The first marriage was of Jeremiah Washburn and Hannah Orcutt (of Sutton) by Daniel Cahoon, Esq., June 26, 1794. The first mills erected were by Daniel Cahoon, Esq., who came to Lyndon in 1793, and who was ever one of Lyndon's active and useful citizens. In fact the history of Lyndon without the history of the Cahoon family would be short of many of its most interesting features. William Cahoon, son of Daniel, Sr., came to Lyndon before the town was organized and was ever prominent until his death, serving in various capacities as town and county officer, was lieutenant-governor from 1820 to 1822, member of congress from 1827 to 1833. Edward A. Cahoon, son of

LOOKING SOUTHEAST FROM LYNDON INSTITUTE.

William, was a prominent lawyer and public man, and was state senator from 1856 to 1858. Charles Cahoon, M. D., was for many years a most successful physician at Lyndon, where he resided until his death.

George C. Cahoon, son of William, married Mary Ripley Baylies, daughter of Hon Nicholas Baylies of Montpelier, and great-granddaughter of Hon. Nicholas Baylies, the founder and first president of Dartmouth college. His son, George William Cahoon, was born in Lyn-

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don, December 15, 1831, was educated at Lyndon academy and Dartmouth college, admitted to the "practice of law" in Caledonia county at June term, 1855, was elected state attorney in 1860, re-elected in 1861. He was very successful in his practice of law, and was always prominently connected with the public schools. George W. was married to Charlotte D., daughter of Mayor James B. Cahoon of Portland, Maine. Three children were born of this union, viz.: James B., December 22, 1856; George Clinton, August 3, 1858, and Mary Elizabeth, August 26, 1862. Having lost his first wife by death, he was married the second time to Mary L. Bellows of Lancaster, New Hampshire. The children of this union were Charlotte D., now a teacher in the public schools at Butte, Montana and Grace Wilson, a practising physician at Butte, Montana. He was again called to part with his wife by death. He was married a third time to Mrs. Sarah E. Russell, who survives him. He died at Lyndon, July 13, 1891.

GEORGE C. CAHOON.

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BARTLETT, Hon. Thomas. Among all of the men, who participated in the affairs of Vermont, that were noted for soundness of logic, clearness of perception, keenness of wit, and large, whole-souled humanity, there stood in the front rank the Hon. Thomas Bartlett of Lyndon. Born in a quiet, rural town, surrounded by all the privations incident to his day and generation, by his own inherent common sense, love of justice and studious character, coupled with great native ability as a public speaker, he rapidly rose to the position of a leader among men, especially at the bar. His legal practice was very large and successful. Mr. Bartlett served with distinction as a member of congress from Vermont, from 1851 to 1853. To quote from *Bench and Bar*, by Hon. George N. Dale: "No one can describe Mr. Bartlett. His life created incidents enough to fill a volume. * * * But he is gone and the sun never set on a sadder day to his personal friends than that on which he died."

SANBORN, Isaac W. No man has performed a more active and useful part in the town of Lyndon. His father, one of the early settlers, owned the farm upon which the village of Lyndonville now stands. Isaac W. was town clerk for over forty years and justice of the peace most of his life, was one of the promoters of the Lyndonville bank and an earnest supporter of the Lyndon institute, largely furnishing the funds for the erection of Sanborn hall, connected with the institute. At his death, in 1903, he left, by will, a sum sufficient to build and equip a public library building for the town.

FLETCHER, Hon. Isaac, born in 1784, graduated from Dartmouth college in 1808, studied law with Judge White of Putney, admitted to the bar at Newfane, December, 1811. In 1812 he opened a law office at Lyndon, which town was his home until his death in 1842. He was state's attorney for Caledonia county eight years in succession, represented Lyndon in the legislature several terms, and was member of congress from Vermont from 1837 to 1841. Mr. Fletcher was very prominent and useful in all positions to which he was called.

HOFFMAN, Henry, a native of Germany, enlisted in Providence, Rhode Island, in the Revolutionary army, and after some land service enlisted in the early navy of the United States, and saw service under John Paul Jones. After the close of the war he invested his prize money in land in the then unsettled towns of St. Johnsbury and Lyndon. He married Elanor Connor and reared a family of six children that settled in Lyndon and Sutton. His son, James B., married Lucy Rice, and reared twelve children. His son, William, married Nancy Fletcher, who bore him two children, Adelaide, and John H. For his second wife he married Helen M. Harris, daughter of Amasa and Ruth (Tarbox) Harris. The results of this marriage are three children, Edwin H., Charles W., and Lila M.

Edwin H. Hoffman, the subject of this sketch, was born in Lyndon, April 18, 1858. He was educated at Lyndon institute and Dartmouth. Read law with George W. Cahoon, and was admitted to the practice of law in Caledonia county June term, 1881.

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He married Mary E. Cahoon, daughter of his law partner, George W. Cahoon, November 23, 1882.

The following children have been born to them: Charlotte C., born August, 3, 1883; Helen H., born November 28, 1884; Marguerite L., born November 24, 1888, Ruth Elanor, born April 17, 1890; Elizabeth M., born May 2, 1892; Karl Wilhelm, born August 29, 1893; Anna Grace, born November 25, 1894; Clayton Robert, born April 3,

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1897; Hilda M. and Hazel, born May 4, 1899; Winifred L., born August 13, 1901. Hazel died in infancy.

Soon after marriage he moved to the General William Cahoon farm, and though engaged in the active practice of law, became interested in Morgan horses, and in 1892 practically abandoned his law practice and devoted his whole time to the farm and to the Morgan horse business, writing extensively for the agricultural press in the line of his favorite pursuit. He has never been prominent as an office-holder, though he has held several minor offices, having been superintendent of schools, school director in the Lyndon academy and graded school district, and town lister. He is a Republican in politics and has been prominently connected with the party organization in his town and county.

LYNDON INSTITUTE, at Lyndon Center, was chartered in 1867 and founded in 1869. The main building, which was erected in 1869, was built by generous donations from the founders, chief of whom were Rev. L. B. Tasker, Rev. F. Randall, Rev. T. P. Moulton, of the Freewill Baptist denomination, and Hon. S. S. Thompson, Hon. Dudley P. Hall, Hon. Calvin Morrill, Hon. Isaac W. Sanborn, Mr. S. B. Mattocks, Mr. Jeremy Pearl, and Mr. Charles Rogers, Jr. The present board of trustees is Mr. Theodore N. Vail, president; Mr. W. Irving Powers, vice-president; Mr. Eugene M. Campbell, secretary and treasurer; Mr. L. B. Harris, Mr. H. E. Folsom, Mr. J. C. Eaton, Rev. J. C. Bodwell, Rev. E. Newell, Mr. I. H. Hall, Hon. Samuel W. McCall, Hon. W. E. Ranger, Mr. O. D. Mathewson, Hon. G. M. Campbell, Mr. C. M. Darling, Mr. H. W. Lyster, Mr. E. J. Quimby, Mr. L. A. Darling, Mr. C. G. Norris, and Mr. C. T. Walter.

The main building is a three-story structure of brick and granite, 75x100 feet, standing on a beautiful hillside overlooking the valley in which lie the villages of Lyndon Center and Lyndonville. The location is ideal for a school for sec-

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LYNDON INSTITUTE, LYNDON CENTER, VERMONT.

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ondary education; beautiful in all its surroundings, removed from the noise and excitement of a busy village like Lyndonville, yet near enough to it to make its advantages easily accessible to the students.

The Institute is modern in its equipments and beautiful in its interior decorations. Its library contains about 1,400 carefully selected volumes, and is constantly growing through the gifts of friends and the income from an endowment given by the alumni of the school. The museum contains over 3,000 specimens, the extent, variety, and quality of which are equaled by few school cabinets. The apparatus for scientific study and laboratory work is well chosen and extensive, and additions are constantly being made.

Three courses of study of four years each are offered: Classical, Latin-Scientific, and English. These courses fit for entrance to the best colleges and professional schools in the country. Graduates from the Institute have been admitted to Tufts, Brown, Ann Arbor, Boston University and Yale, and others are now to be found in Dartmouth, Middlebury, Bates, Norwich, and the Vermont State University. Besides the regular academic courses a three years' commercial course is maintained, which fits for business, and instruction is given in shorthand and typewriting, art, elocution, vocal and instrumental music.

The faculty consists of nine experienced teachers, each one of whom is an enthusiastic specialist in his or her department. The standard of scholarship is high, and the moral tone of the school is exceptionally healthful, conditions which the students themselves make special efforts to maintain.

Expenses are low, and this, with the location, equipment, and character of the school, makes Lyndon Institute an ideal place in which young men and young women can obtain an education.

PUGSLEY, FREMONT LAFOREST, was born in Rochester, New Hampshire, November 4th, 1859. His early education was obtained in the district school and Austin academy.

FREMONT L. PUGSLEY.

He then took a college preparatory course at New Hampton Institution and was graduated from Bates college in 1891.

He had already had considerable experience in teaching, while pursuing his studies, and in the fall of 1891 became principal of the High school in Henniker, New Hampshire, where he remained five years. During this time he laid out new

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courses of study, established the school on a firm basis, and secured the erection of a fine new school building.

In 1896 he resigned to accept the principalship of Lyndon Institute, which position he resigned August 25, 1903.

HARRIS, MERRITT MELVIN, was born December 26, 1866, in West Chazy, a little country town of northern New York. On his father's side his ancestry is Scotch-Irish and on his mother's, Scotch-English. Among his maternal ancestors is found Governor John Robinson of colonial times.

During Mr. Harris' boyhood the family removed to Iowa, where at seventeen years of age he began his career as teacher in the public

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schools of that state. At the age of twenty-one he went to Evanston, Illinois, where he attended Northwestern University. After his graduation he engaged in business for a time in Plattsburg, New York, and was married to Gertrude M. Loomis of Lyndonville, June 22, 1897. Soon after he was called to fill the position of teacher in Troy Conference academy at Poultney, Vermont, which position he held one year.

In 1900 the republic of Ecuador sent a special commissioner to the United States to select three teachers to found normal schools in that country on the plan of the North American normals. Mr. Harris was one of the three chosen and he assisted in founding and taught a year in the first school of this kind to be established there.

About a year after his return Mr. Harris was requested to take the position of teacher of science and modern language at Lyndon Institute, which position he filled so satisfactorily that on the resignation of Mr. Pugsley he was appointed principal. He began his duties in this capacity with the opening of the fall term, 1903, and his administration has been marked by efficiency and gives high promise for the success and prosperity of the institution.

LYNDON MILL COMPANY. In 1867, Dudley P. Hall, Sumner S. Thompson, Benjamin F. Lincoln, and George Ide formed, at Lyndon, one of the most reliable and successful business firms in northern Vermont. Each member of this firm began life without much of capital except good strong physique (three of the firm being more than six feet in height), good moral principles, and a strong determination to win. Each had been extensively engaged in various business affairs and each had accumulated a good property. The financial resources of this company

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were estimated to exceed those of many a banking firm in Vermont. They owned and occupied a grist-mill and a sawmill at the upper "Cahoon Falls," and four other sawmills on the Passumpsic river; they also owned several thousand acres of timber land in Caledonia and Essex counties, and bought extensively of lumber "in the log" from various parties. The output of their manufactured lumber was from five to six million feet per annum. They also did a large business in the grain and feed line in addition to their custom grinding. The business of this company was very helpful to the general public and many regrets were expressed when, by reason of business cares elsewhere, it was decided to discontinue the firm January 1, 1883.

IDE, GEORGE, a son of William Ide, was born on a farm in Lyndon in 1821. At twenty years of age he went into trade with Fuller, at Lyndon, for four years, then formed a partnership with Miller & Trull at Lyndon in running a store and manufacturing wagons. In 1856 he bought the old home farm, which was his home when in Vermont until 1866, when he moved to the place now owned by his son, George P., where he remained until his death in 1900. Mr. Ide spent some years on horseback on the plains of Missouri and Kansas, buying cattle, hogs, etc. During the war for the Union he was recruiting officer for Lyndon, and served as selectman twelve years, also as overseer and town agent. Mr. Ide was thoroughly Republican. He represented Lyndon in 1863-'64, was state senator from 1864 to 1866, was deputy sheriff twenty-six years, and high sheriff four years. In 1843 he was married to Mary Ann Goss, who died in 1892. Two children were born to them: Mary I., who

GEORGE IDE.

married Henry E. Graves and who died, and George P., who succeeded to his father's business and resides at Lyndon.

HALL, DUDLEY P., son of Elias Hall, was born at Hart's Location, New Hampshire, in 1820. He early began the work of lumbering, came to North Concord, erected mills, and built up a little village, then moved to East Burke, bought the grist-mill and sawmill, and other property. Soon after the "flood" came and nearly ruined it all, but he immediately rebuilt better than before, and gave to the village the greatest "boom" it ever had. In 1864 he moved to Lyndon, erected the large house which was his home

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until his death in 1885, being actively engaged in his business in the Lyndon Mill company.

In 1843 he was married to Amelia

DUDLEY P. HALL.

Gregory. Eight children were the fruits of the union, three of them now living: Albert C., of New York; Mabel, the wife of Charles T. Walter of the *St. Johnsbury Republican*, and Alice, who married Herbert E. Walter, A. M., of Chicago.

THOMPSON, SUMNER SHAW, a lineal descendant of John Thomson of Wales, and a son of Jacob and Esther (Shaw) Thompson, was born at Halifax, Massachusetts, April 12, 1823. He came to Lyndon in 1856, where he ever after resided. The principal part of his business life was employed as a railroad contractor and manager, having constructed, either wholly or in part, some twenty-five different railroads. He was also connected with the Lyndon Mill company in the lumber business, and later in lumber in Michigan. At his death he was president of the F. & S. E. railroad, vice-president of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, vice-president of the First National bank of St. Johnsbury, and director in many other financial business companies. He was a Republican in politics, represented Lyndon in the legislature

SUMNER S. THOMPSON.

in 1860-'61 and 1866-'67, was also senator in 1876 and 1880; in 1880 he was presidential elector. He was a liberal supporter of church and school, his donations to the Lyndon institute being more than thirty thousand dollars.

On April 10, 1847, he was married to Harriet Stark Willey. Two daughters were born to them: Ella Esther, who married Congressman

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McCall of Massachusetts, and Hattie W., the wife of Charles L. Stuart of Lyndonville. Mr. Thompson died October 24, 1889.

LINCOLN, BENJAMIN F., was born at Wareham, Massachusetts, in 1831. He learned the tinman's and hardware trade at Wilmington, Delaware, spent one year about 1851 in the mines of California, then four years in hardware trade in Oregon. In 1862 he came to Lyndon and engaged in the hardware business. In 1866 he engaged in the lumber business, soon after joining the Lyndon Mill company, of which he was secretary and treasurer, and devoted most of his time to the firm. In 1881 he became interested in lumber lands in Michigan, where he spent

BENJAMIN F. LINCOLN.

quite a portion of his later years, but making his home at Lyndon, where he had erected a beautiful set of buildings. Mr. Lincoln was active in political life, representing Lyndon in the legislature in 1876-'78 and 1888. He also was senator in 1890-'92. His death occurred March 26, 1896.

In 1860 he was married to Annie A. Lombard. Five children, two boys and three girls, came to their home: Alice, married Homer C. Wilson; Mary S., married Haddon Lyster; Charlotte C., married Charles Steele; Benjamin, now of Munising, Michigan, and John E. of Lyndonville.

CHASE, CHARLES M., editor and proprietor of the *Vermont Union*, (published at Lyndon) from its first issue in February, 1865, died at his home in Lyndon, November 1, 1902. Mr. Chase was born in Lyndon, November 6, 1829, his father being General Epaphras B. Chase, and his mother, before marriage, Louisa Baldwin of Bradford. Mr. Chase attended the old Caledonia County grammar school of Lyndon, the St. Johnsbury academy, and the Kimball Union academy at Meriden, New Hampshire, going from the latter place to Dartmouth college, graduating in the class of 1853. He was an active man in college life. During three of the four years he was president of his class.

Mr. Chase was married June 15, 1864, to Mary E. Wells of Sycamore, Illinois. Seven children were born to them, of whom five are now living: Everett B., John B., George A., Jennie W., and Nellie L.

The following sketch of his life is from the "Dartmouth College Sketches and History of the Class of 1853," by Moses T. Runnells, class secretary, published in 1895:

"From the fall of 1853 till the spring of 1856 (except the summer

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of 1854, which he spent in Madison, Wisconsin). he was in Cincinnati, Ohio, teaching music in the city, and at Farmer's college, and the Ohio Female college, five miles out. Also read law with President Allen of Farmer's college, and passed one summer with his uncle, Alphonso Wood, A. M. [D. C., 1834] studying botany. Next removed to Sycamore, Illinois, still teaching music and reading law. In 1857

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was admitted to the bar, and in 1858 entered into partnership with Jacob A. Simons, Esq. [Simons & Chase], continuing until 1862. Was police magistrate in Sycamore from 1858 to 1862; edited the *DeKalb County Sentinel* during the year 1858; was the leader of a band at Sycamore for several years, and took the same into the Thirteenth Illinois infantry, enlisting for three years, but was discharged after three months' service, under General Fremont's order reducing the number of bands in that department. Was Kansas correspondent of the *Sycamore True Republican and Sentinel* during the summer and fall of 1863. During his residence at Leavenworth he was employed by Governor Tom Carney as city editor of the *Leavenworth Daily Times*; had charge of the City Musical association, embracing most of its prominent singers; taught music in the churches; had charge of the largest choir in the city, and was for a time teacher in Leavenworth college. In June, 1864, returning to Lyndon on a visit, he prolonged his stay till February 10, 1865, when he issued, as editor and publisher, the first number of the *Vermont Union*, a weekly newspaper which he has continued at Lyndon for nearly thirty years without interruption. The *Union*, it is claimed, was the first paper in the United States which adopted the practice of giving localities, within the scope of its circulation, special heads of their own, or of grouping all items concerning a town or village under its own name.

"Was Democratic candidate for representative to congress, from the Second Vermont district, in 1866, and again in 1868; also delegate to the Democratic national convention at St. Louis, in 1876. Was admitted to the Caledonia county bar in 1866; was for a time notary public, and twenty years justice of the peace.

"He is a liberal supporter of the Congregational church and society at Lyndon, and in 1869 began to labor for the establishment of a first-class graded school, to take the place of the old Lyndon academy, estab-

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lished in 1831. As the result, a new school building was erected, at a cost of $13,000; the old school district was enlarged and incorporated. For fourteen years he was president of the school board of six members.

"For many years has been in the habit of making annual trips to distant states, and by his correspondence has given the *Union* something more than a local reputation."

Mr. Chase was a member of Crescent lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., of Lyndonville, Haswell chapter, of St. Johnsbury, and Farnsworth post, G. A. R. of Lyndonville. Since 1880 he had been a director in the National bank of Lyndon, which was established as a state bank in 1855, his father being the principal factor in its organization and holding the position of president until his death in 1867. Mr. Chase was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust company of St. Johnsbury, was its first vice-president, and succeeded J. G. Hovey as president, serving in that position several years and then resigning.

As a musician he had remarkable ability. He composed and had published numerous church hymns and also "The Vermont Union Polka," "Girl Baby Polka," and "The Vermont Union Waltz."

John B. Chase, who succeeds his father as editor of the *Vermont Union*, was born September 24, 1872. He graduated from the Lyndon academy and graded schools in 1890, and from St. Johnsbury academy in 1891. After several years of service in the *Union* office he worked two years as associate editor of the *St. Johnsbury Caledonian*, three years in the same position on the *Bradford Opinion*, and also, a shorter time, on the *Bristol News*, and the Windham County *Observer* of Putnam, Connecticut.

GLEASON, JOSEPH THOMAS, of Lyndonville, was born in Lunenburg, Vermont, June 18, 1844. He is a lineal descendant, in the eighth generation, from John Howe, the immigrant who settled at Sudbury, Massachusetts, and was one of the petitioners, in 1657, for a grant of the town of Marlboro, Massachusetts. Howe was a descendant of John Howe, Esq., of Warwickshire, England, and a near kinsman of Sir Charles Howe of Lancaster, England, who flourished during the reign of Charles the First. Joseph Gleason, the paternal great-grandfather of Judge Gleason, served in the Revolutionary war. He died in 1805, aged seventy-eight years.

His son, Joseph Gleason, born January 2, 1774, married September 11, 1800, Abigail Howe, and died in 1844. He was one of the pioneer settlers in Lunenburg, and served as deacon of the Congregational church many years. His son, George, spent most of his life in Lunenburg, was one of the solid men of the town, captain of a company of militia, deacon in the Baptist church, and married Sabrina W. Thomas, a relative of General Stephen Thomas, and granddaughter of Joseph Thomas, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war. Deacon Gleason died May 26, 1895, aged eighty-five years.

Judge Gleason received but limited educational advantages in his youth, but being of a studious disposition and a great reader he acquired a large fund of practical knowledge. In December, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Eighth Vermont Volunteers, but was re-

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jected by reason of his youth. In August, 1862, he entered the service in Company E, Fifteenth Vermont, and took up his march for "Dixie." At one time being ordered to the hospital on account of illness, he refused to go and marched with his

study of law in the office of J. P. Lamson, Esq., of Cabot. In 1876 he was admitted to the bar, entered partnership with O. F. Harvey at West Concord, and remained until 1878, when he came to Lyndonville, being the first lawyer in this village.

JOSEPH T. GLEASON.

regiment to Gettysburg, serving with honor until discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment. During his army life he contracted disabilities from which he never recovered fully. On his discharge he returned to the farm and remained until about 1874, when he began the

He has built up a large and lucrative practice, steadily increasing from year to year, and has the reputation of so advising his clients as to prevent lawsuits.

His integrity and ability was recognized by the county in 1888, when he was elected assistant judge

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of the county court, which position he filled with credit. Judge Gleason is a staunch Republican, has been chairman of town committee twelve years and of the county committee four years, and has held many of the principal offices in town. He is vice-president of the National bank of Lyndon, a member of Crescent lodge, No. 66, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lyndonville, and of Palestine commandery, Knights Templar, Caledonia council, and Haswell Royal Arch chapter of St. Johnsbury. He has served two terms as grand patron of the grand chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Vermont, and is also a member of Farnsworth post, G. A. R., of Lyndonville, of which he has been adjutant and commander. Since coming to Lyndonville the judge has been a leading spirit in the inauguration of the many improvements which have contributed so largely to the growth and prosperity of this model village. In 1880 he drew up the charter for the incorporation of the village. In 1894 he drew up an amendment to the charter which provided for a water system. In 1896 he drew the second amendment, having for its object the electric plant. In all of these he met with much opposition from some of the conservative element, but succeeded in getting them all embodied in law by the legislature of Vermont.

On the return of Judge Gleason from Montpelier after his success with his second amendment he was met at the railroad station by a large crowd of people, headed by a brass band, and given an ovation long to be remembered. In all these matters the results have demonstrated the wisdom of his action. In theology he is Congregational.

On September 9, 1884, he married Mary S. Aldrich, daughter of Roswell and Laodicea (Holbrook) Aldrich. They have one daughter, Louise M. Roswell Aldrich, the father of Mrs. Gleason, was born at Lebanon, New Hampshire, December 16, 1800. January 25, 1825, he married Laodicea Holbrook of Waterford. He died at Guildhall, June 1, 1895.

Judge Gleason serves as an illustration of American possibilities. Coming out of the war without a dollar and broken in health he achieved success by his own inherent qualities.

WEBSTER, JOHN P., the subject of this sketch, was born in Fairfax, Vermont, August 8, 1844. The Webster family came to America from Wales. James, the great-grandfather of John P., lived in Connecticut. His son, Alanson, was born in that state, March 6, 1787, and when a young man, in company with his sister, came, on horseback, from Connecticut to Sheldon, Vermont, where he was married and settled in life, but afterwards moved to Fairfax. Alonzo A., the son of Alanson and the father of John P., was born at Sheldon, January 15, 1817, and moved with his father to Fairfax. He married Sophronia Purmont of Georgia, Vermont. In 1850 the family moved to Illinois. After two years they came back and bought a farm in Lowell, Vermont, lived there four years, then in Troy three years, then in Irasburg eight years. They had four children, two boys and two girls. Mrs. Webster died at Sutton in 1889, and Mr. Webster died at

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Lyndon in 1896. John P., the oldest boy, was educated at the common schools, with one term at the North Troy academy. He followed farming until 1868, when he went to Dorchester, Massachusetts, to work for Thomas Payson on a stone quarry and in a store for five years, then worked in a store in Somerville three years, then by reason of failing health went to Colorado and stopped on Dr. Sanborn's ranch for a few months, then went to Minnesota for four years, teaching school in winter and working on farms in summer. In 1880 he came to Lyndonville and operated a store for several years, was constable and collector from 1888 to 1897. On October 8, 1897, he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley and has held the position ever since, having been reappointed on January 4, 1902, by President Roosevelt. When in Dorchester Mr. Webster became a member of the Odd Fellows, which connection he still retains. He is also a member of Crescent lodge of F. & A. M. In politics Mr. Webster is a "straight" Republican.

JOHN P. WEBSTER.

On July 27, 1880, he was married to Clementine Foss, daughter of Seldon Foss, of Barton, Vermont. One child was born to them, which died in infancy.

KIMBALL, REV. JOHN, of Lyndonville, was born in Hiram, Maine, March 4, 1859. His grandfather was one of the early settlers of the town, coming there from Rochester, New Hampshire. He was educated in the common and high schools of his native town and St. Lawrence university, Canton, New York. He taught several terms of school. He graduated from the divinity school at Canton, New York, in 1883.

At school he was interested in debating and was one of the debating team of his school for two years in the intercollegiate debates. He preached his first summer vacation at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and the next summer vacation at Yarmouth, Maine. He first settled at Turner Center, Maine, over one of the oldest churches in the denomination. He stayed here three years, and then for one year took the mission churches at North Anson, North and West New Portland, Maine. From here he went to Boston to attend special lectures and take lessons for six months at Professor Curry's school of elocution. His next settlement was at Bethel, Vermont. While here he preached at Gaysville and Stockbridge. During this period he was married to Miss Olive M. Bullock of Mardin, Pennsylvania. The next settlement was Orono, Maine. Mr. Kimball was compelled by ill

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health to resign this pleasant pastorate at the end of the year.

About a year later he accepted a call back to his first parish, Turner Center, where he stayed ten years. During this time the church grew in numbers and influence; over seventy members united with the church and over fifty children were christened. Mr. Kimball took great interest in the affairs of the town and especially the school interests. He was a member of the school committee, and for two years superintendent of schools for the town. He also served as a member of the building committee in erecting a beautiful high schoolhouse. He resigned from here in the fall of 1899 to accept a call to the city of Titusville, Pennsylvania. He went without seeing the place or people, and in the fall of 1901 he accepted a call to Lyndonville, Vermont.

REV. JOHN KIMBALL.

VAIL, THEODORE NEWTON,* born in Ohio, belongs to the Morris county family of Vails in New Jersey, descendants of John Vail, a Quaker preacher, who settled in New Jersey in 1710. The family has always been one of position and influence. Lewis Vail, civil engineer, grandfather of Theodore N. Vail, early went to Ohio and was a pioneer in the building of canals and highways. Stephen Vail, an uncle, founded the Speedwell Iron Works, near Morristown, New Jersey, at which was built most of the machinery for the first steamship which crossed the Atlantic ocean, sailing from Savannah, Georgia. Here, also, Morse perfected and first successfully operated the magnetic telegraph, Stephen Vail and his sons, George and Alfred, supplying Morse with the money, and Alfred the mechanical ingenuity. Alfred Vail invented the dot and dash alphabet, which has always been used in telegraphing. William P. Vail of this family was a leading physician and church worker in northern New Jersey at Blairstown, and George Vail represented his section in congress, and was one of the lay judges of the New Jersey court of pardons.

Davis Vail, son of Lewis Vail, and father of the subject of this biography, born in Ohio, came East at an early age, was connected with the Speedwell Iron Works, and married Phœbe Quinby, daughter of Judge Isaac Quinby of Morris county. By this marriage,

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THEODORE N. VAIL.

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he became related to three notable brothers-in-law, General Quinby, a graduate of West Point, a leading mathematician, professor of mathematics at the Rochester university, and general in the Civil war; Dr. William Quinby; and Dr. Augustus Quinby, all sons of Judge Isaac Quinby. After marriage, Davis Vail went to Ohio, remaining there several years. His son, Theodore, was born during the stay of the family in that part of the country. When the lad was about four years old, Davis Vail returned to the East and was again connected with the Speedwell Iron Works. In 1866 he removed to Iowa, where he operated a large farm.

Theodore N. Vail was educated in the old academy in Morristown, and then studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. William Quinby, but, having learned telegraphy at the telegraph office in Headly's drug store in Morristown, he left medicine and went to New York, where he became manager of a local office, being afterward attached to the staff of J. C. Hinchman, then general superintendent of the metropolitan and eastern divisions of the United States Telegraph Company. He went West with his father in 1866, and engaged in farming, but in the fall of 1868, went yet farther West and was made operator and afterward agent at Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, on the Union Pacific railroad. Pine Bluffs was at that time the principal supply point for wood for the Union Pacific, which had not then been completed.

In the spring of 1869, Mr. Vail received an appointment as clerk in the railway mail service between Omaha and Ogden, and in August, 1869, he married Miss Emma Righter, of Newark, New Jersey. He devoted himself with great diligence to the improvement of the railway mail service, then in its infancy, and his good work in perfecting charts for the distribution of the mails, and especially his services in forwarding the mails during the long snow blockade of 1870, called the attention of the department to him, with the result that he was assigned to duty between Chicago and Iowa City in the railway post-office. On this line, the entire distribution of overland mails was made prior to the establishment of railway post-office cars on the Union Pacific railroad. When the railway post-office was established on the Union Pacific, Mr. Vail was assigned to duty as head clerk.

In March, 1873, the department called Mr. Vail to Washington and assigned him to duty in the office of the general superintendent of railway mail service, where he was charged with special oversight of distribution of the mails and arrangement of "schemes" or charts of distribution. During this period, the questions of the compensations of railroads and carriage of merchandise in the mails were being agitated in congress, and the department placed upon Mr. Vail the responsibility of preparing the post-office statements, statistics, and answers to congressional inquiries. His intimate knowledge of the service, energy, and capacity were recognized in June, 1874, by his appointment as assistant superintendent of railway mail service. In 1875 he was assigned to duty as assistant general superintend-

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VIEW OF RESIDENCE FROM NORTH LAWN.

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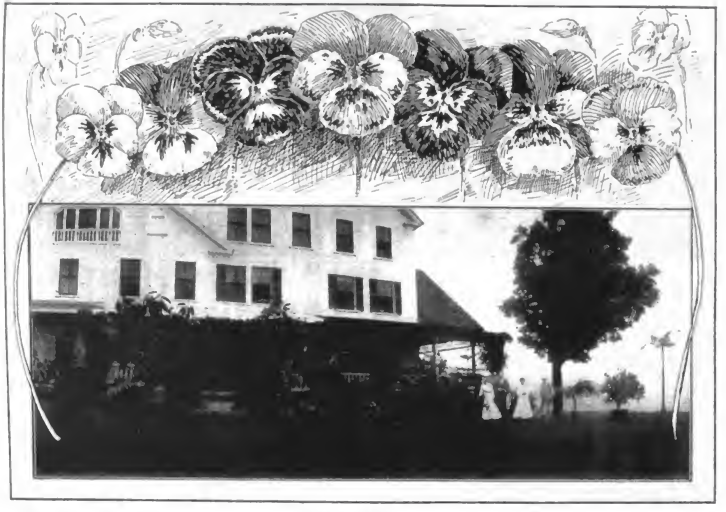

THE NORTH LAWN.

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ent, and when, in February, 1876, Mr. Bangs resigned to go into other business, Mr. Vail was appointed general superintendent. He had thus reached the highest grade in this branch of the federal employment. Mr. Vail was the youngest of the officers of the railway mail service, both in years and in terms of service, and when the final appointment was handed to him by Marshall Jewell, postmaster-general, the latter said that his only objection to Mr. Vail was his youth.

As general superintendent, Mr. Vail established upon a firm basis the civil service policy, which had been initiated by Mr. Bangs. The superiority of the results attained under the rules adopted for the railway mail service were recognized by all the civil service commissions in Washington, to the extent that until very recently the employés of the railway post-offices were not included in the general civil service laws and regulations. Mr. Vail established the system of six months' probationary appointments which have since been so generally adopted. It was during the incumbency of Mr. Vail that a reduction took place in the pay of the railroads for mail transportation. In the controversy which followed, some of the railroads threw the postal cars out of their trains. Within six months, however, relations were reëstablished with all the leading lines and increased car and train service obtained. Thereafter, more cordial relations existed between the post-office department and the railroad managers.

An incident of this time may be referred to. Senator Beck, of Kentucky, was much interested in having the southwestern mails go over Kentucky routes, and made many efforts to induce the postmaster-general to order them so sent. Being referred by the head of the department to Mr. Vail, Mr. Beck accused Mr. Vail of being under the influence of certain railroads. In an interview with Mr. Beck, Mr. Vail explained the situation and gave the reasons which governed him. Mr. Beck left, apparently not satisfied. Soon after, however, when a proposition to reduce Mr. Vail's pay was pending in the senate, Senator Beck took occasion to compliment Mr. Vail very highly, and in a five minute speech, said that if there were an honest and efficient officer in the employment of the government, Mr. Vail was the man.

After the invention of the telephone and its reduction to practice, the American Bell Telephone Company was organized by Gardiner G. Hubbard, father-in-law of Prof. Alexander G. Bell. Mr. Hubbard had been engaged against the post-office department before congress on the question of merchandise in the mails and was chairman of the commission appointed by congress to investigate the methods of payment to railroads for mail transportation. Believing Mr. Vail to be the right man for the place, he tendered him the position of general manager of the American Bell Telephone Company. Believing in the future of the "toy," as it was then termed, and against the protest of all his friends, he accepted the position in 1878 and devoted himself to the work with his accustomed zeal and ability. The task was at times discouraging. The public were slow

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THE RESIDENCE, WITH ITS EXTENSIVE LAWNS, IS ON THE BIGELOW FARM.

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THE FARM, WITH ITS BUILDINGS, IS ON THE OLD FLETCHER-SANBORN FARM.

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to recognize the great value of the instrument, and strong opposition was manifested by the Western Union Telegraph Company, which denied that Professor Bell was the inventor, and set up opposition exchanges at every point. Mr. Vail introduced the methods which have proved so successful and have resulted in the American Bell Telephone Company's phenomenal growth. A settlement was finally effected with the Western Union Telegraph Company, after years of fighting and negotiating, in which the Western Union conceded every point of importance.

Mr. Vail established the long distance telephone service, against the opposition of all his associates in the company. The first line which was built to New York was called "Vail's sideshow." He also introduced the use of copper wire in telephone and telegraph lines, since so generally adopted, having in this matter the assistance of Mr. Mason of Bridgeport, whom he induced to experiment with drawing copper wire in such a way as to give it the tensile strength necessary to withstand the stretching from pole to pole.

In 1888 Mr. Vail retired from the telephone business, after having occupied the managing position for ten years. He has since traveled most of the time abroad and has introduced the telephone in many countries. Farming in Vermont now occupies a part of his time, and upon his estate of 1,500 acres, called the "Speedwell Farms," he raises French coach horses, including some of the finest in the United States, Jersey cattle, Shropshire and Dorsett horned sheep, and Welsh ponies. He is a member of the Union League, New York, and Athletic clubs of New York and the Union club of Boston. He has one son, Davis Vail, a graduate of Harvard college and law school in Cambridge, and a prominent athlete.

SPEEDWELL FARMS, the residence of Theodore N. Vail. The farms include nearly the whole of Speedwell hill—sometimes called Vail hill—and are made up of the farms originally settled or subsequently occupied by Pierce, Carpenter, Smith, Sanborn, Fletcher, Bigelow, Parks, and others, all prominent and well-known citizens. It also includes the "Hall" meadow, just north of the road connecting Lyndon Center and Lyndonville.

When Lyndon was settled, the valleys were avoided, the settlements and the roads all keeping to the hills. The road over this hill, passing through Speedwell Farms, was the original county road, and one of the first stage roads through Lyndon,—the "teaming" route for all freight between the North and the South.

The residence, a rambling mansion made up of additions to and alterations of the original farm buildings, surrounded with extensive lawns and ornamental gardens, is on the Bigelow farm, originally settled by Abraham Smith. It is said that on this farm, in the original log house, was held the first town-meeting, and on this farm was built the first frame house in the town. This frame house, built about 1795, together with the addition built about 1845, still forms part of the residence, although quite overshadowed by the additions since made.

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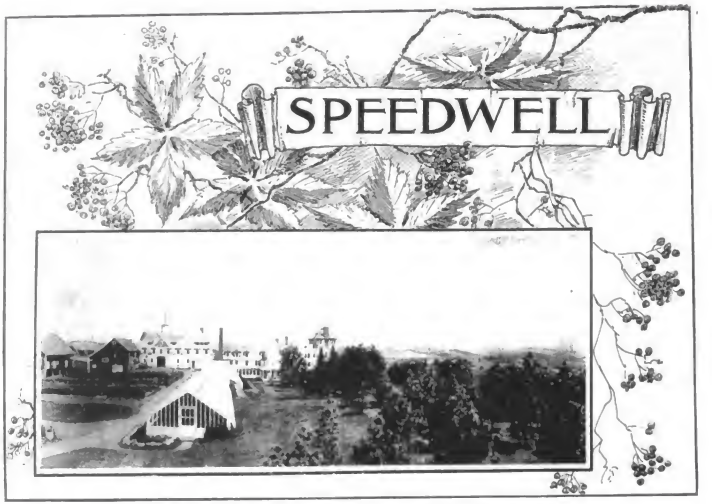

VIEW FROM SOUTH, SHOWING GREENHOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

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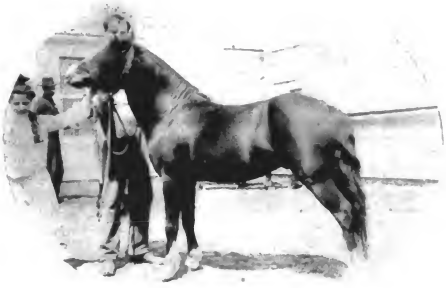

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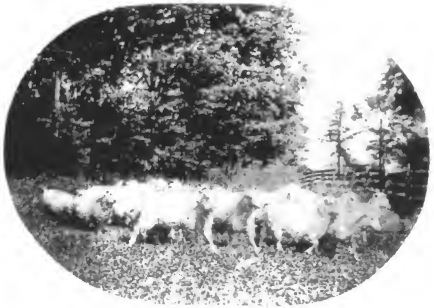

FLOCK OF ANGORA GOATS.

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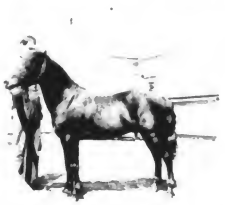
Connected with the residence are very extensive glass houses, where small vegetables like radishes, onions, cucumbers, string beans, and



PRINCE BACH, IMPORTED.

tomatoes are cultivated the year round, and during the winter, strawberries, asparagus, etc.,—all for home consumption.

FRENCH COACH TEAM.

There are also very extensive fruit houses, where can be seen flowering, growing, or ripening peaches, grapes, oranges, figs, apricots, nectarines, and melons in great abundance.

The residence, greenhouses, and other buildings are heated by a very extensive hot-water system, consisting of four large boilers and thousands of feet of piping. The residence is also well supplied with fireplaces, old-fashioned in size, in some of which a man can stand erect, and which take in a four-foot log of wood.

The water supply, in addition to the springs on the place, is brought by a six-inch pipe from the well-known springs on the "Razee

PAIR OF WELSH PONIES.

Right," some two miles away, and is sufficient not only for the large demands of the greenhouses, gardens, lawns, etc., but also supplies a large pond to the south of the residence, which is abundantly stocked with trout.

The carriage house with its harness room, washing stands, and lounging room, is one of the largest and best-arranged in the state, and is filled with vehicles of every description, from the little pony-trap

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TAFFY, IMPORTED.

GROUP OF WELSH PONIES, ALL DESCENDANTS FROM ONE PAIR.

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FRENCH COACH TANDEM.

FRENCH COACH FOUR-IN-HAND.

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to the brake for four-in-hand driving; while the stable is well filled with French coach horses and Welsh ponies, all of which have been reared on the farm.

The "farm" with its buildings is on the old Fletcher or Sanborn farm. The frame of the old barn built in 1792 still forms part of the farm buildings.

The large cow barn is one of the best ventilated in the state, fresh air being brought in front of every cow, while the foul air is carried off by ventilators. Fresh water is at the side of every animal.

In this barn there are five silos. The ensilage is cut by gas-engine power and is carried to the silos on endless chain carriers; while the storehouse, graineries, sheds, are all on a liberal scale and well arranged.

The sheep barn is also arranged most suitably for the purpose, with its nursing and feeding arrangements.

There is a blacksmith shop connected with the farm, where all the horseshoeing and repairing is done, keeping one blacksmith occupied his full time.

In the barns will be seen a fine stock of farm animals, Jersey cattle, Shropshire sheep, Berkshire hogs, Percheron farm horses, etc.

Here, in winter, will be seen, braving the coldest weather, a large number of Welsh ponies, all descendants of one pair brought to the farm over twenty years ago and still living. The breed has been improved and kept strong by importing Welsh ponies from England, three of which, "Taffy," "Prince Bach," and "Llewellyn," are registered animals and prize takers at the English fairs.

A recent addition to the farm is a flock of Angora goats, which were bought for the purpose of keeping the undergrowth down in the sugar wood, as well as testing the profit there may be in keeping them.

Speedwell Farms butter and cheese, now made by the Lyndonville Creamery—which was started by Mr. Vail—has a most enviable reputation and is in great demand.

POWERS, W. IRVING, a son of Jason and Cynthia (Winslow) Powers. Jason Powers was one of eleven children of Ezekiel Powers, one of the first settlers of Burke. Cynthia Winslow was one of eleven children of Samuel Winslow, who was one of the first settlers of the town of Lyndon. W. Irving Powers was born at West Burke October 11, 1862. At the age of seventeen he went to Manchester, New Hampshire, to work in the telephone business; from there he went to New York as manager of the Brooklyn telephone exchange. In 1885 he married Emma Hardy, a daughter of Charles Hardy of Nashua, New Hampshire. In the spring of 1890 he came to Lyndon to take the position of treasurer and clerk for the Theodore N. Vail Speedwell Farms Co., which position he has held ever since. In 1890 he organized the Lyndonville Creamery association and ever since its organization has been its general manager and for the last eight years its treasurer as well. This creamery association own and operate fourteen creameries located in Vermont and New Hampshire and maintain an extensive branch near Boston for handling its own products. In 1899 he was the leading spirit in organizing, and was elected president of, the Canadian

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Carbonate company. This concern, with its main office in Montreal, Canada, manufactures nearly all of the carbonic acid gas used in Canada. Mr. Powers is also president of the Lyndonville board of trade and vice-president of the Lyndon institute.

W. IRVING POWERS.

ROGERS, CHARLES. The subject of this sketch was born in the town of Alton, New Hampshire, in 1823, and moved with his parents to Wheelock, Vermont, in 1828. He received his education at the common schools with one term only at the Lyndon academy. He taught school winters for eight years. He first settled at South Wheelock, on a farm where he resided until he moved to Wheelock Hollow in 1868. In 1893 he purchased and moved on to a place on Pleasant street in St. Johnsbury and from there he came to Lyndonville in 1899.

In June, 1852, he was married to Mary H., daughter of Hiram and Caroline (Bigelow) Melvin. Of this union there were born six children, two now living: Susie E., wife of M. M. Taplin of Barton, and Etta M.,

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wife of P. T. Hanscomb of Schenectady, New York; and four deceased, Carrie, Flora, wife of Frank Taylor of Hardwick and two infant sons. Mrs. Rogers, who was a most estimable and capable woman, died in 1902, since which time Judge Rogers has resided with his nephew, Charles M. Darling at Lyndonville.

CHARLES ROGERS.

Judge Rogers has been very much in public life. He is a surveyor and has many calls to locate highway, town, and farm lines and has done an extensive business in the handling of estates. He represented Wheelock in the legislature in 1852, 1854, 1861, 1862, 1880, 1882, and 1888. He was senator from Caledonia county from 1872 to 1876; was associate judge of Caledonia county from 1868 to 1870; was trustee of the State Reform school from 1872 to 1876, and chairman of the board for the last two years. He was town clerk, treasurer, agent, selectman, lister, and school superintendent of Wheelock for many years. He has held the office of justice of the peace for fifty years continuously and has been much employed as a "trial jus-

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tice." His life has been so much employed in the discharge of his public duties that he has become one of the best known men in northern Vermont and his opinion is often sought in various matters.

PIERCE, JOHN, a native of Chesterfield, New Hampshire (a near relative of the family of which deceased ex-President Franklin Pierce was a member), served with credit in the War of the Revolution. William, one of his family of six children, married Ruth, daughter of Major Ephraim Hubbard, and reared a family of nine children.

William E., son of William and Ruth, married Adaline Houghton of Lyndon. He settled on a farm which is now a portion of the Speedwell estate. He was a singing master and also taught school for twenty-five years, being very successful in these callings. They had two children, Emily A. and George W.

Mrs. Pierce died in 1878 and Mr. Pierce some nine years later.

PIERCE, GEORGE WASHINGTON, was born in Lyndon, January 8, 1875, on the farm. His mother died when he was three years of age and his father when he was twelve. He went to live with his uncle, Stephen Hoyt, when he was thirteen, receiving his education at the Lyndon academy and graded school.

At the age of fifteen he was appointed assistant postmaster at Lyndonville, under W. A. Densmore, served two years, then went into the employ of the Boston & Maine railroad. He was freight clerk at Newport one year, then came to Lyndonville as assistant ticket agent, which position he occupied for ten years, until promoted to the position of passenger clerk of the Connecticut & Passumpsic and the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain department of the Boston & Maine, in June, 1903, to fill the place made vacant by the death of N. P. Lovering.

Mr. Pierce has been prominent in town and village matters. At the age of twenty-three he was chosen as first constable and collector for the town and served as such for five

GEORGE W. PIERCE.

years; he has been lister and auditor and is at present assistant town clerk. He has served as village auditor, collector, and trustee, having been chairman of the board of trustees two years. In politics, Mr. Pierce is a Democrat; has served many years as committee, being chairman for a long time and prominent in conventions, etc.

He is a prominent member of the F. & A. M., the Odd Fellows, the

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Knights of Pythias, and the Red Men.

On October 10, 1894, Mr. Pierce was married to Mabel Florence, daughter of Alson P. and Idella (Corliss) Sleeper of Lyndon. They have four children: William Earl, born December 14, 1895; Erma Aileen, born June 8, 1897; George Washington, Jr., born May 8, 1899; Robert Franklin, born March 25, 1902.

Mr. Pierce presents an example of what may be accomplished by a poor Vermont boy, who uses his opportunities and improves his time.

CAMPBELL, GILBERT M., a member of the large and well-known Campbell family of Sutton, that did much for the development and prosperity of that town, was

GILBERT M. CAMPBELL.

born at Sutton, July 3, 1855, a son of Judge Nahum K. and Corrilla (Parker) Campbell. Gilbert was educated in the schools of his native town. Being a business hustler, he acquired a practical education in the affairs of life. He lived in Sutton until 1895, when he moved to the fine residence he had erected at Lyndonville, his present home. He was school director, lister, and constable of Sutton for several years, and representative to the legislature in 1888. In 1900 he was elected and served as a senator for Caledonia county. While in Sutton, he began the business of dealing in live stock, sugar, and wool. Also conducted a fire insurance business, having been director of the Union Mutual since 1882, and insurance agent for Vermont and Union Fire Insurance companies. All of these business matters he is still engaged in. Also agent for American Fidelity Company.

November 27, 1879, he was united in marriage to Mary E., daughter of Charles L. and Eunice (French) Eaton. The fruits of their marriage are five children: Blanch E., Carrie L., Alice M., Gilbert M., Jr., and Raymond E. Mr. Campbell is a member of Alpine lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., at West Burke.

DARLING, CHARLES B., M. D. The history of the Darling family was, in early years, principally in Burke, where the subject of this sketch was born, June 24, 1818.

His father, "Major" Ebenezer Darling, son of Joshua Darling of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, was born in 1788. Ebenezer was a soldier of the War of 1812 and settled in Burke immediately after the war. He married Abigail Fisher. Eight children were born of this union: Harry G., Charles B., Alfred B., Carolin, Lucius F., Abigail, Pamelia, and Scott.

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The conditions incident to a new settlement developed in the Darling family traits of character that insured success in after life. Major

CHARLES B. DARLING, M. D.

Darling was prominent in public affairs, representing Burke in the legislature in 1828. He died in 1858 at the age of seventy. Of the eight children, three died at the home, Carolin, aged nineteen, Pamelia at twenty-five, and Scott at eighteen. Of the remaining five, Henry spent most of his life in Burke where he died; Alfred B. of the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, was so well known that nothing more need be said; Lucius F. went to Mobile, Alabama, and died of yellow fever in 1853; Abigail married John Evans of Lyndon, where she lived and died; Charles B. attended Lyndon academy, studied medicine with Dr. Abel Brown and with Dr. Sanborn. He graduated from the Allopathic College of Medicine at Woodstock in 1844, and graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Homœopathy in 1852. He practised his profession at Lyndon with the greatest success. He was always pleasant, social, and genial, a real "old school," "family physician," one that it is always a pleasure to remember. On December 9, 1852, he was married to Susan, daughter of Hiram and Caroline (Bigelow) Melvin. Two children blessed their union: Charles M. Darling, now of Lyndonville, and Jennie L., the wife of Colonel H. E. Folsom, division superintendent of the Boston & Maine railroad. Dr. Darling died June 19, 1860. His wife died September, 1861.

WAY, WILLIAM C., a son of Frank A. and Helen E. (Chamberlain) Way, was born at Newark, Vermont, May 22, 1861. His parents were both born in New Hampshire. The father of Frank dying when he was a young boy, his widowed mother removed to Burke. Frank lived some years with Harley Hall of Burke. At his marriage he purchased and moved on to a farm in Newark, where he lived many years and where his two children were born. He afterward engaged in the manufacture of starch at Sutton for a time, then conducted a grain and feed business at Burke for a few years. In 1880 he, with his family, moved to the state of Texas. After their return to Vermont he practised farming to some extent, but is now retired and resides in Lyndon. William C. was educated at the common schools. When twenty-two years of age he went to New York and worked at the ice business for one year, then went to work for

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Simon Corliss of Newark on a farm, where he proved himself so acceptable as a helper that Elva, the daughter of Mr. Corliss, accepted him as her husband, and they were married in December, 1886. He operated a hardware store at West Burke, which he sold in 1887. They then went to California for a year. After their return from California they carried on his father's farm one year, then bought the "old Corliss farm," and remained there some twelve years, selling it in 1900 to Fred P. Corliss. In March 1901, he purchased and moved on to "Meadow Brook farm," where he now resides. He has made many improvements upon the farm and buildings, and it is now one of the finest farm homes in this section. Mr. Way held several offices in the town of Newark, and is at present road commissioner for the town of Lyndon.

WILLIAM C. WAY.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Way: Hazel Helen, born September 24, 1891, and Morris Frank, born July 12, 1898.

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SILSBY, FRANK W.* For the benefit of the rare individual who isn't acquainted with him we will state the fact that Frank was born in Lunenburg fifty-three years ago, and was a son of that staunch, well-known and highly respected business and public man, Hon. Levi Silsby, of that town. His education was completed at Newbury and Montpelier seminary in 1869. Soon afterwards he entered the employ of D. & J. W. Silsby, dealers in ready-made clothing, etc., at St. Johnsbury, and remained until the dissolution of the firm. He came to Lyndonville in the spring of 1871, and with his uncle, David Silsby, rented a store in Mathewson's block, where they conducted a large and prosperous business in ready-made clothing, furnishing goods, etc., under the firm name of D. & F. W. Silsby, for four years. He married Nancy R., youngest daughter of Larnard Watson, Esq., of West Burke, in 1876.

FRANK W. SILSBY.

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By this time Silsby had read far enough in the book of human nature to qualify him for a traveling salesman of sewing machines, representing the Florence machine, and taking the general agency of Orange, Washington, Lamoille, Orleans, Caledonia and Essex counties, he furnished a large number of local agents, and set the pace for them. He was a hustler in the business, and feared no competitor, as he was willing to take anything from geese wings to a stock of cattle, in exchange for machines. Some twenty-five years ago he took up the auction business, together with the real estate business, and became a dealer in all kinds of driving harnesses, which business he still conducts. He has bought and sold at auction bankrupt stocks of goods. His auction tent at the fairs was for some years one of the regular side shows. A good judge of human nature and familiar with the value of all kinds of merchandise, real estate, and personal property, he probably conducted the largest auction business in the state. With his ability and persistence he has made hosts of valuable friends and business acquaintances, and established a reputation that few achieve in that business. He has adopted the practice never to misrepresent an article or use abusive language to a bidder, his motto being: "Justice to the owner and protection to the buyer." The real estate business usually falls with the auction business, and if any one desires to buy, sell, or trade a farm or house, he will make no mistake in intrusting it in Frank W. Silsby's hands, as he is wide-awake and extensively acquainted. He sells driving harnesses, wholesale, retail and at auction.

Mr. Silsby is a staunch Republican and interested in both home and national politics. He has rarely accepted office, though he has served several terms as lister, been on the Republican town committees, has been delegate to both district and state conventions, and represented Lyndon in the legislature in 1896. He gave conscientious attention to legislative questions, and cast his vote and influence on the side of right and justice as he understood it. His good judgment and ability were recognized and he was given position on important committees. He is at present a director in the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust company of St. Johnsbury, has been chairman of board of village trustees in Lyndonville, and other places of trust like settlement of estates, etc., and at present one of the building committee for the new schoolhouse to be built in the spring of 1904. He is also the owner and manager of one of the largest dry and fancy goods and ready-made clothing stores in this section. He has two children, Harry P., with him in the store, and Isabella, at home. He is highly esteemed socially, being a member of Passumpsic lodge, Haswell chapter, Palestine commandery, F. & A. M., is a Mystic Shriner and a member of several other social organizations.

SILSBY, DAVID M., son of Lewis and Sophronia (Ford) Silsby, was born at Lunenburg, Vermont, in 1850. The elder Silsby was a blacksmith and David had some longings for that profession until called upon to handle the heavy ham-

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mers, when he decided that "horse farming" would be better for him. He served his apprenticeship in the livery business with Dr. Bul-

DAVID M. SILSBY.

lard and some half a dozen other livery men at St. Johnsbury. In 1875 he opened a small stable at Lyndonville. In 1880 he built a large barn and did an increasing business until the fire in 1894, which burned out his entire plant with a very heavy loss. In 1895, nothing discouraged, he erected his present large and commodious stable and fitted it up for an extensive business, having one of the largest and best equipped livery plants in this part of the state. He also deals extensively in carriages and harnesses. Mr. Silsby has been deputy sheriff some twenty-five years, has been constable, and collector, and lister in Lyndon many years. He married Lettie, daughter of Reuben and Harriet Allard of Sutton. They have one child, Lewis David, born November, 1885, who assists his father in the livery.

CARTER, A. J., M. D., of Lyndonville, Vermont, was born in Kentucky in 1838 and lived in that state until the War of the Rebellion. He served as surgeon in the Confederate army four years, came to Vermont in 1864 or 1865, located at Wheelock and practised medicine until he moved to Lyndon in 1890. He was examining pension surgeon during Cleveland's administration, has been in medical practice all the time, having an office in Stearns' block, and is considered as one of the leading M. D.'s in town.

A. J. CARTER, M. D.

He married Mary Ann Leavitt of Vermont and they have five children, three boys and two girls. The oldest boy, Oscar E., is a physician located at Danville. The next boy,

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George A., is a physician and is in practice at Hardwick. The youngest boy, Roscoe A., is a dentist with an office at Lyndonville. The oldest daughter, Mary O., married H. C. Moorshouse and resides at Lyndon Center. The youngest daughter, Annie Yosemite, married Elbridge Pierce and resides at Littleton, New Hampshire. The children are all graduates of the higher institutions of education and successful in their callings.

ALLEN S. HOLBROOK.

HOLBROOK, ALLAN SMITH, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, August 1, 1874, the second oldest son of Samuel H. and Caroline D. Holbrook. Until twelve years of age he resided in Boston with the rest of the family, receiving the elementary branches of his education in the public schools there. His father's health becoming poor, the family moved at that time to Newport, Vermont, to the old home place, which has since remained the home of the family. Here he added to his education in the district schools and the graded school and academy at Newport and finally graduated from the St. Johnsbury academy in June, 1894.

Previous to attending school in St. Johnsbury he worked for a year and a half in the printing office of C. F. Ranney at Newport, and after graduating at St. Johnsbury began work in the *Caledonian* office in that town. Deciding to make this business a life-work he remained in this line of work until the call for volunteers in the spring of 1898, when he enlisted in Company L, First Vermont volunteers, and went with the regiment to Chiekamauga, spending the summer there and returning in the fall when the regiment was mustered out.

He soon took up his former work again and remained at it until July, 1903, when he became joint owner and publisher, with John H. Fuller, of the *Lyndonville Journal*, a paper published at Lyndonville, Vermont, where he is at present located.

On December 20, 1899, he married Miss Charlotte Stiles, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Stiles of St. Johnsbury. Two children have been born to them, Paul E. and Roger.

FULLER, JOHN HAROLD, was born in Richford, June 27, 1876. His father is the Rev. Jonathan Kingsley Fuller, who has been for over twenty years a prominent Congregational clergyman in the state. His mother is Gertrude (Smith) Fuller, daughter of the late John Smith of Richford. On the paternal side his ancestry goes back to the Pilgrims of the Mayflower. His

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mother was descended of good English and Dutch stock. A great-grandfather was an admiral in the Dutch navy.

In 1877 his parents moved to Bakersfield, where they lived twelve years. At this place young Fuller attended the district schools and later Brigham academy. In the summer of 1889 his parents moved to Barton Landing, and in the same year the son began a four years' course at Lyndon institute, Lyndon

JOHN H. FULLER.

Center, where he graduated in 1893 with first honors in the classics. The following year was spent in working in a mill and teaching district school.

In the fall of 1894 Mr. Fuller entered the academic department of Yale university where he won an enviable reputation in scholarship and where he graduated in 1898 with high honors in both the Latin and Greek languages. During his college course he earned a large share of his expenses by waiting on table and other work.

The following fall Mr. Fuller was offered a position as assistant principal of Lyndon institute, where he remained four years, teaching science, German, and history. During his official connection with the school he took great interest in its welfare and in the development of athletics.

In 1902 he resigned his position for a more lucrative one in the Rutgers college preparatory school in New Jersey, where he held the position of Greek master for one year. During the summer of 1903 he met Allen S. Holbrook of Newport, and with him formed a partnership which culminated in the purchase of the *Lyndonville Journal* on July 9, 1903.

In the summer of 1889 announcement was made of Mr. Fuller's engagement to Miss Mabel Susie Joslyn of Barton Landing, whose death occurred a few months later. Both of Mr. Fuller's parents are still living and two brothers: Raymond, aged eighteen years, and Robert, aged ten years. One brother, Leigh, died of asthma in 1895.

FLETCHER. The Fletcher family in America date back to 1630, when Robert[1] Fletcher came with his family (which included three sons) from England and settled in Concord, Massachusetts. William[2], the second son of Robert, at one time owned a farm that comprised all the land where the city of Lowell is now situated. Joshua[3], the second son of William[2], was the father of Captain Joseph[4], who was the father of Joseph[5], the father of Joseph[6], who was born in 1752, and married, first,

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Molly Cummings, and after her death married a Widow Read. Joseph[6] lived first in Dunstable, and later at Pepperell, where he died in 1832. He reared a family of five children, Polly, Isaac, Catharine, Betsey, and Joseph[7]. Joseph[7], the youngest son, came to Lyndon, Vermont, about 1838, and settled upon the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Joseph[8] Alfred Fletcher, where he lived until his death in 1863. He married Ruth Elliott, and they had seven children, Catherine C., born in 1830, Abigail S., born in 1832, Joseph[8] A., born in 1834, Harriet E., born in 1836, William H., born in 1838, Isaac F., born in 1840, and Francis A., born in 1842. William H. and Francis A. both served in Vermont regiments in the War of the Rebellion.

Joseph[8] Alfred married Mary A. Bradley, daughter of Abner and Mariah (Graves) Bradley, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, November 2, 1870, and they have three children, Carrie M., born in 1871, who married Charles Fassett and resides at St. Johnsbury; Allen Joseph, born in 1876; Earl H., born in 1886.

We find from records that twenty-one Fletchers served in the American army in the War of the Revolution, and seven were in the battle of Bunker Hill. About eighty were in the Union army in the War of the Rebellion, twenty-three of whom lost their lives in the service of their country.

WALTER, Charles T., son of Augustus P. and Betsey (Brockway) Walter, was born in Burke, Vermont, in 1863. His great-grandfather, Augustus Walter, removed from Connecticut to Vermont shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war, and was a pioneer settler on a tract in the eastern part of the town, clearing the land and making a productive farm. Here were born three successive generations, his son, Porter, his grandson, Augustus P., and his great-grandson, Charles T. Walter. Augustus P. Walter was born in 1832, and died in 1871.

Educated in the common schools and at Newbury seminary, he was a farmer, and also a teacher of note in his day. His capabilities as an educator seem to have been inherited by his younger son, Herbert E. Walter, who graduated from Bates college and received the A. M. from Brown university in 1893, studied two years in Germany, and is now a successful teacher of biology in the public schools of Chicago.

C. T. Walter completed his education at Lyndon institute and Bates college, from which he graduated in 1885, and in 1888 received the degree of Master of Arts.

His early and strong inclination and talent for journalism was manifested while editing *The Mercury* during his preparatory course, and also during his college days as one of the editors of the *Bates Student*, a college monthly of repute, and as a successful reporter on the *Lewiston* (Maine) *Daily Journal*. In 1885, at the founding of the *St. Johnsbury Republican*, Mr. Walter was made the business manager, and since that time he has been almost continuously connected with that paper. In 1898, when the Republican Publishing company was incorporated, Mr. Walter became president of that company, as well as editor and manager of the paper. Under the able direction of Mr. Walter *The Repub-*

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lican has taken high rank as one of the ablest of the state papers, bright, newsy, and reliable, and with the largest circulation of any paper in this section of the state. Mr. Walter is a lifelong and ardent Republican, well versed in the traditions and principles of the party, and has frequently served as a delegate in local and state conventions.

With Mrs. Walter, he is a member of the First Congregational church of Lyndon, which he serves as a trustee, also having been superintendent of its Sunday-school.

Mr. Walter married, in 1886, Miss Mabel S. Hall, a lady of rare social and mental gifts. Her father, the late Dudley P. Hall, was widely and favorably known in Vermont and Michigan as an extensive lumber manufacturer, and as a man of strong character, liberal and active in the promotion of public interests, especially of education.

"Riverside," the old Hall homestead in Lyndon, the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter, is brightened by their three children, Dorothy Charlotte, Elizabeth Gregory, and Edward Hall Walter.

WEBBER, JAMES F., son of James F. and Nicenia (Gaskell) Webber, was born at Roxton, Province of Quebec, in 1858. He was one of a family of seven children and came to Vermont May 1, 1874. He worked on a farm until he was 21 years of age, when he began to peddle for J. C. Eaton & Co. He worked for them eleven years and was the first man on the road to start their wholesale trade, then began to travel for grocery firms. For the past seven years he has been in the employ of the Daniels, Cornell Co., traveling on the line of the railroads, and is a very successful salesman. He married on March 2, 1880, Mary E. Wells of Lyndon. Four children were born to them: Leis, born May 24, 1882, who died October 20, 1900; Ethel, born August 18, 1884; Cora, born April 12, 1888, died September 25, same year; Erma, born November 16, 1891. On October 5, 1900, Mrs. Webber died. Mr. Webber, on August 7, 1901, was again married, taking as his

JAMES F. WEBBER.

partner Elizabeth P. Shanon. Mr. Webber and his family lived for some years at East Lyndon, but moved to Lyndonville some four or five years ago, and at present occupies his own fine residence on Main street.

WATSON, HENRY E., was born in West Burke, Vermont, March 4, 1844, a son of Lornord Watson, Esq. He was a farm-

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bred boy and received a good common school education in town. At the age of twenty-four years he engaged to work for Robert Petti-

HENRY E. WATSON.

grew on his farm at Bemis hill, where, with ability and close attention to his employer's interest, he soon won the confidence of not only Mr. Pettigrew, but especially the oldest daughter, Mary Rowena Pettigrew, whom he persuaded to become his partner for life. They were married in 1868, and were soon established in a home of their own on the same farm of about 300 acres, where he continued a prosperous farmer until he sold the place in the fall of 1887, and removed to Church street, Lyndonville, where they now reside. They have nine children, viz., Cora Adell, Claud, now doing a prosperous furniture business, Ellie, wife of P. S. Clark, Edna B., Guy H., late graduate of the Norwich university as civil engineer, Mary E., Robert P., now at the same university, Josephine, and Homer.

Mr. Watson is a strong Republican, and always interested in home and national politics, and for the interest of his town and village. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and other social organizations.

BRADLEY, HERMAN P., was born at St. Johnsbury, December 1, 1856, son of Jason and Salona M. (Parker) Bradley, educated at the public schools in St. Johnsbury and Lyndon, was married June 18, 1881, to Rubie L., daughter of Edward B. and Olive W. (Perry) Kedney. In 1882 they bought and moved on to the farm which they still occupy, consisting of two hun-

HERMAN P. BRADLEY.

dred and thirty-eight acres, which is a model dairy farm. There is also upon the same a sugar orchard of over one thousand trees. The farm

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is finely located, in good condition, and provided with good, comfortable buildings.

Mr. Bradley does considerable business outside of his farming, is agent for the Belcher & Taylor Agricultural Tool company, for Listers' and Quinnipiac phosphate, and farm tools in general. He has been lister in Lyndon eight years, justice of the peace four years, and filled other offices for many years, has handled estates, in trust, to quite an extent, is a hearty supporter of church and school, and is one of the solid hill farmers of Lyndon. Three children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley: Blanch I., born September 8, 1885; Edith M., born June 29, 1888, and Curtis H., born August 4, 1897.

RANNEY, Scotto C., was born in Kirby, February 19, 1837, a son of Sullivan Ranney, who moved from Coventry, Vermont, in 1833, to the Josiah Joslin farm in Kirby, and began life without capital, but with good health and energy made farming a success and acquired a large property. Scotto, the oldest son, when eleven years of age, lost his left hand in a threshing machine, but it was said that he could do more work with one hand than many could with two. He was educated at the common schools and at the Lyndon and St. Johnsbury academies. After leaving school he was employed in Boston for some two years, driving a baker's wagon. Becoming dissatisfied with city life he returned to Vermont and worked at farming. October 10, 1860, he married Philena E. True. They began life at Burke. In 1864 he bought the Robert Ford farm in Kirby. After some twenty-eight years of hard but successful labor, failing health necessitated a change and they sold their farm and bought a small one in Lyndon.

Scotto C. Ranney.

Five children have been born to them, Pliny O., married Minnie Isham; Winfred, died in infancy; Lizzie S., died February 2, 1885, aged twenty years; George E., married Nellie Eggleston, who died in 1889, and he died in 1892; and Eugene S., who married Evalyn Bowen, and who, with his wife, came home to live in 1898 to care for the farm and their parents, since which time Scotto has been on the road selling tinware and ready-made clothing. He is also agent for life and accident insurance and is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

BIGELOW, Elisha, the subject of this sketch, is a grandson of Samuel Bigelow, who moved from Massachusetts to Wheelock early in the

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century, and in 1844 moved to Lyndon and settled on what is now the Theodore N. Vail home farm. He was a successful farmer and drover. His only son, Calvin, in due time became the owner of this fine farm and here conducted very successfully a general line of farming until 1883, when he sold the farm to Mr. Vail and bought the meadow farm just below the Center village, where he resided until his death in 1896.

Calvin Bigelow was a very prominent and useful man in all public matters. At the organization of the Lyndonville National bank he was elected one of the directors and succeeded Charles A. Harris as its president, which position he occupied until his death.

He was also a director in the savings bank. He served the town acceptably in various official positions. He was always in demand in the settling of estates, which he managed with skill and promptness.

ELISHA BIGELOW.

In 1854 he married Mary Sanborn of Lyndon. Their two children are Elisha and Flora. The latter married Everett Clifford of Wheelock

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and they now reside on the Bigelow farm.

Elisha Bigelow was born in Lyndon in 1857. His boyhood days were spent upon the home farm, where he received a thorough training in the practical affairs of life. At the age of twenty he graduated from the Lyndon Institute. He continued farming until 1882, when he entered the service of the Passumpsic Railroad company, and was employed as station agent at Lyndonville for four years. He then went on to the road as brakeman on passenger trains. In 1889, his executive ability having been recognized by the railroad officials, he was promoted to the position of passenger conductor, which position he has since occupied very acceptably to his employers and the public. He was a charter member at the organization of the Order of Railway Conductors. He is a member of Crescent lodge, F. & A. M., of Haswell chapter, and Palestine commandery. He has been selectman of Lyndon for three years, and chairman of the board for the past two. In 1885 he married Miss Lula A. Huse of Stanstead. They own and occupy a fine residence in the village of Lyndonville.

NORTON, NATHAN ABBOTT, attorney, only son of Elijah A. and Dolly (Abbott) Norton, was born in Glover, Vermont, September 21, 1865. He was educated in the public schools of Glover, supplemented by a course at the Johnson State Normal school, from which he was graduated in 1888, after which he taught school until 1892, when he commenced the study of law with E. A. Cook of Newport, Vermont. In 1894 he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Law and was admitted to the Washtenaw county bar of Michigan and to the Vermont bar in 1895. He began the practice of law in his native town, where he remained until May, 1900, when he moved to Lyndonville, Vermont, where he has an office in the Masonic building. In January, 1897, Mr. Norton married Viola Robinson, daughter of Demas

NATHAN A. NORTON.

and Lucy (Smith) Robinson of Fletcher, Vermont.

GOSS, WILLIAM DAVID, son of Horace C. and Louisa M. (Hicks) Goss, and grandson of Philip and Decintha (Pierce) Goss, was born at Lyndon, December 24, 1852. He was the oldest son in a family of thirteen children. He lived at home on the farm until twenty years of age, when he went away and began life for himself, his only capital

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being good health and habits, grit and ambition. For three years he worked for George Ide in the mill and on the farm. In 1875 he was married to Martha, a school teacher and daughter of Deacon Isaac Hardy of Hardwick. They moved to Victory, and carried on a farm for two years. In the spring of 1877 they purchased the farm where they have since resided, on Bemis hill. The farm and buildings were in a run-down condition, with no house upon the farm, and he mortgaged them for $2,000 and started for business. In 1890 he had paid the mortgage, built a new house, repaired all outbuildings and much improved the farm in general. He thinks farming *can be made to pay.*

Three children have been born to them, Horace Philip, who is foreman in the steam-fitting department of C. H. Goss of St. Johnsbury, Clarence W., deceased in 1902, and Emma Gordan Goss, who is a music teacher and a teacher in the public schools, whose home is with her parents.

WILLIAM D. GOSS.

Mr. Goss is at present one of the

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selectmen of Lyndon, which position he has held for two years. He is an officer in the Congregational church, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for the past ten years. The perspective from Grand View Farm, as this home is called, is very fine, and has attracted many city boarders for several years.

BEMIS, WELCOME A. The Bemis family in Lyndon came from Spencer, Massachusetts, and settled on what is known as "Bemis hill" about 1800. Wait Bemis was born in Spencer, and married Relief Ayres. Six children were born to them, viz.: Nancy, Hiram, Relief, Samuel, Otis, and Emery. Elias Bemis, a native of Spencer, located in Lyndon in 1796, married Content Jenks, and reared six children: Welcome, Elias, Jr., Amasa, Laura, Catherine, and Alonzo. Alonzo became, in after years, proprietor of the hotel at Willoughby lake, a very popular summer resort.

Two of the sons of Elias, Amasa and Welcome, settled on farms on Bemis hill, lived upon the same, and raised their families on the old paternal acres, both dying at a ripe old age at their farm homes.

Amasa married Eliza A. Hall. To them were born: A. O. Bemis, Joshua, Catherine, and Harris. Joshua married Alma Bennett and resides on the old Bemis farm. Welcome married Sarah Evans, and a family of ten children were born to them, viz.: Emeline, Aveline C., Sarah C., Mary R., Eleanor, Kate D., William A., Alfred, Welcome A., and Lucy E. Welcome was a prominent man in public affairs, a great lover, breeder, and trainer of Morgan horses, as well as of choice cattle. He served his town as selectman several years, and in various other capacities. He represented Caledonia county in the Vermont senate two terms. He died in 1877, aged eighty years. Welcome A., son of Welcome, owns and carries on the old farm on which he was born. He keeps a fine stock of horses and cattle, and the farm and buildings are in modern shape. Mr. Bemis is a familiar figure for many miles around, and a much respected citizen.

HENRY H. FRYE.

FRYE, HENRY H., son of H. B. and Rebecca (Hovey) Frye, and grandson of Deacon John and Matilda (Brown) Frye, was born at Lyndon, September 24, 1842. His grandfather was born at Royalston, Massachusetts, in 1777, and his grandmother at Norwich, Connecticut, in 1772. They were married January 1, 1798, and moved to Con-

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cord, Vermont, where they always after lived until their death at a good old age. Henry's father was born at Concord, and his mother at Waterford. They resided all their lives in Concord and at Lyndon, the mother dying in 1850 and the father in 1864.

January 26, 1862, Henry H. was united in marriage to Laura A., daughter of Hiram and Louise Taylor. Mrs. Frye was born January 24, 1842, at Lyndon. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frye, only one of whom lived to mature years, Stella J., born August 13, 1871.

Mr. Frye was educated in the Lyndon common school and academy. He has served Lyndon as selectman, also agent for the Lyndon Water company. He owned and conducted a meat market, and run a meat cart for twenty-seven years at Lyndon, and made of the business a success. Mr. Frye is a member of the F. and A. M.

LANG, SHERBURN, a son of John H. and Louella (Weeks) Lang, is a native of Bath, New Hampshire (as also were both of his parents). He was born June, 1859. His parents moved to Monroe when he was a young lad. Here his mother died when Sherman was only nine years of age. In the following March the family moved to the state of Iowa, where they lived for about three years, then returned to Bath, remained there about three years, then moved again to Monroe, where the father remained until his death. The father was quite an extensive dealer in cattle.

Sherburn received his education in the old-fashioned country schools of Bath, Monroe, and in Iowa. In his early manhood he conducted a wood business of some three or four thousand cords annually, in company with O. A. Kinne. After this he spent some three years in Kansas, Indian territory, and Texas. When about thirty years of age he came back to Monroe and soon began the lumber business in its various stages. He was for some time connected with the Van Dykes and among other matters operated a portable sawmill. He later associated himself with the Parker & Young company of Lisbon.

Mr. Lang at present owns in his own right and in company with others, some 6,000 acres of timber land.

He later moved from Monroe to Lyndon, bought the Lincoln mill on the East Burke road, and here he conducts a very extensive lumber business, logging, sawing and dressing all kinds of lumber. He is also a prominent member of the Burke Granite company, which is operating quarries in the town of Kirby.

In February, 1881, he was married to Hattie Johnson of Monroe, New Hampshire. Four children were born to them, viz.: Edward, Lucinda, Orbin, and Grace. Mrs. Lang died in June, 1889. He was again united in marriage, this time in November, 1890, to Jennie I. Nichols of Monroe, New Hampshire. Five children are the fruit of this union, viz.: Freeman, Philo, Lillian, Marion, and John.

Mr. Lang and family now own and occupy their fine home on a meadow farm, about one mile from Lyndonville, where "Sherb." can sometimes be found, when his ex-

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tended business matters do not take him away.

LOCKLIN, HORACE WILLIAM, the subject of this sketch, is a son of William K. and Nancy C. (Coe) Locklin, and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Locklin, who came in early life and settled on the farm in the east part of Lyndon, where they resided until their death, and where William K. was born and always lived until his death in 1892. William K. Locklin had two children, Harriet B. (now of Manchester, New Hampshire), born March 4, 1867, and Horace W., born May 9, 1871. Horace was educated in the common schools of Lyndon, and at the Lyndon Institute. He worked on the old farm until his father's death, then went into the Boston & Maine railroad shops for one season, then worked as carpenter at Speedwell farms one year, then one season upon the Ide block at Lyndonville, then took up the repairing of bicycles for a little time. In October, 1896, he went into the employ of the Lyndonville Electric plant, and being naturally of an ingenious and inventive turn of mind he soon came to be of special value to the company and to the public, and he remained in their service until March 1, 1904. About April 1 of the same year he entered the employ of George B. Chadwick & Co., at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, as superintendent of their electrical department in that city.

November 25, 1897, Horace W. Locklin was married to Dessie M., daughter of Palmer W. and Laura J. (Chase) Russell of Kirby, who was born May 14, 1872. (See W. P. Russell, Kirby.) The fruit of their marriage is one daughter, Nellie, born November 26, 1900.

RANDALL, DANIEL, was born at Sandwich, New Hampshire, October 15, 1800. His wife, Ruth Burley, was born August 9, 1800. They were married January 22, 1823, at Sandwich and had a family of four boys and two girls. Lyman T. Randall, the youngest of the family except one, was born at Lyndon February 3, 1837, and lived there until

LYMAN T. RANDALL.

married, March 9, 1857. He married Delia G. Phippen. They then moved to Lyndon, where, with the exception of ten years' work at Manchester, New Hampshire, they have lived most of the time. They had one daughter, Rosa D., born at East Burke, June 23, 1865, and who married Fred McAlister and lives at Medford, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. McAlister have two girls, Ruth

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and Emily C. Mrs. Delia Randall died at Lyndon June 14, 1902.

Lyman worked on roads in Lyndon from 1890 to 1895, when he began to work for the Lyndonville Creamery company, and has been in their employ from that time to September 1, 1903, driving a cream-gathering team, which, with Lyman on the seat, was among the farmers for many miles around their most familiar and genial visitor, and one that always came, pleasant or stormy. He has now removed to Manchester, New Hampshire.

BARNET.

Population, Census of 1900, 1,783.

The first settlement made in Caledonia county was in Barnet, March 4, 1770, by Daniel, Jacob, and Elijah Hall and Jonathan Fowler. The first house in the town and county was built by the Halls at the foot of the falls on the north side of Stevens river. The Halls and Fowler received one hundred acres each from the proprietors, to induce them to settle the town. Sarah, daughter of Elijah Hall, was the first child born in the town and county. She married James McLaren in 1787. Barnet, son of Jonathan Fowler, was the first male child born in the county. John Galbraith came in 1776, and located on the Passumpsic, near the C. C. Harvey place, at the mouth of the Enerick brook. Archibald McLaughlin, William Stevenson, and James Cross settled in town, on the Harvey tract, in 1776, and James Gilchrist on the McIndoe plain in 1777.

The town charter was granted September 16, 1763, under the British crown, by Benning Wentworth, governor of New Hampshire. The governor reserved five hundred acres for himself, and one share was reserved for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts, one share for a glebe for the church of England, one share for the first settled minister, and one share for schools. The American Revolution swept away the conditions of the charter, but the United States government confirmed the grants. It is not known when the town was organized, and the first meeting held according to the charter. In Willard Stevens' collection of documents were found some loose papers, worn and torn, containing brief minutes of town-meetings during the Revolutionary war. At the earliest, September, 1778, Alexander Harvey was chosen representative to the general assembly, and intrusted with the votes for governor, lieutenant-governor, and councilors. The state records show that the town-meetings were regularly held to choose Colonel Harvey a delegate to the three conventions of 1777, and a representative to the legislature from its first meeting, March 12, 1778, until the regular town-meeting in March, 1783. Enos and Willard Stevens of Charlestown, New Hampshire, chief proprietors of the township of Barnet, made a contract in July, 1771, with Colonel John Hurd of Haverhill, New Hampshire, to build at the falls on Stevens river, in Barnet, a sawmill, the ensuing fall if convenient, otherwise by the first of July, 1771, and a grist-mill six months after that time; both to be kept in good repair during five years, the dangers of the war excepted. Ac-

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cording to the contract the mill irons were furnished on the spot by E. & W. Stevens. Colonel Hurd built the first mill in town and county, and received as his reward the mill lot on which he built a house and barn, and cleared twenty acres of land.

Dr. Phineas Stevens, brother of Enos Stevens, was the first physician in town. William Shaw was the first merchant, having a store at Stevens village, as Barnet was then called, and later Erastus Fairbanks, the war governor, was in trade here. Thomas Denison was probably the first lawyer, and was succeeded by Samuel Chandler, Mordecai Hale, and Joseph Potts. O. S. and O. C. Burke were the last to practice here.

The mail was first extended to Barnet in 1808, a weekly mail through the center of the town, and Rev. Mr. Goodwillie was first postmaster. About 1812 he procured from "York state" the first four-wheeled vehicle owned and used in Barnet.

Henry Stevens, the well-known antiquarian of Barnet, presented some interesting facts before the Caledonia County Agricultural society in 1845. By turning to the census of this state, 1790, 1800, and 1810, the fact is shown that at each of these periods the people of Vermont possessed more sheep, according to their population, than any other state. The census shows that the inhabitants of Barnet manufactured 5,535 yards of linen, 319

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THE PASSUMPSIC RIVER.

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yards of cotton, and 10,830 yards of woolen cloth in a single year. Not a single bill of purchase of woolen blankets or woolen garments out of the state, for our brave soldiers during the Revolutionary war, has yet been discovered.

The general assembly of Vermont, as early as 1786, passed a law that for the encouragement of domestic manufactures, the owner of sheep should be credited on his list

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MCINDOE'S FALLS.

two shillings for every pound of wool shorn, and one shilling for every yard of tow or linen cloth manufactured. Here was protection with a vengeance, and that it bore fruit is attested by the foregoing facts.

There are six settled ministers in town and seven churches, viz.: Baptist at Passumpsic, Congregational at East Barnet, Barnet, and McIndoe villages, on the Boston & Maine railroad, and three Presbyterian churches in the interior of the town. The town-meetings are held at Barnet village.

A Congregational church was organized by Rev. Samuel Goddard in 1816, composed of members from Barnet and Lyman, now Monroe, New Hampshire. The church, though small, was moderately prosperous for some twelve years, and exercised a good influence. It was organized with twenty members, received into its fellowship about one hundred persons, and held meetings alternately at Barnet and McIndoe, Vermont, but never had a settled pastor. In October, 1829, the first Congregational church at McIndoe was formed. It consisted of three members: James Gilchrist, Willard and J. F. Skinner. Rev. A. Govern was constituted pastor. The church edifice was built in 1853, largely through the efforts of Deacon James Gilchrist and the Gleasons. Prior to 1860 thirty-eight members were received by profession and letter, one hundred and eleven were dismissed, and twenty-five died. The large number of dismissals was owing to the fact that on September 10, 1858, forty-three were dismissed for the purpose of being organized into a church at Stevens' village, as Barnet was then caled. Rev. A. Govern was pastor three years, Revs. Noah Cressey, J. B. White, E. I. Carpenter, T. E. Ranney, A. O. Hubbard, E. H. Caswell, E. Cleveland, B. F. Roy, and M. B. Bradford were successively pastors.

This church now contains one hundred and fifteen members in good standing. There are one hundred different members of the Sab-

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bath-school, with an average attendance of sixty-five. The usual attendance at church services is from one hundred to one hundred and thirty, and has doubled during the pastorate of Mr. Eldredge.

Rev. A. F. Eldredge, the present pastor, is the fourth in the line of ancestors to continue the profession. He has formerly held prominent pastorates in New Jersey, New York, and Vermont, and is well known, having been twice chaplain of the New Jersey senate. A man of quick sympathies, closely in touch with his people, and abreast of the times, he is also a scholarly man and an able preacher, and the churches have prospered much under his labors.

ABBOTT, EDWARD, son of J. D. and Sarah (Stevens) Abbott, was born at Barnet in 1855. His mother was a granddaughter of Phineas Stevens, who served as a surgeon in the Revolutionary army, taking part in the Long Island campaign, and settled in Barnet as one of the pioneers, the village being called Stevens village in honor of the Stevens family. Soloman, one of his four sons, settled permanently in Barnet. He married Sallie, eldest daughter of Clark Cushman of Passumpsic. Mrs. Sarah G. (Stevens) Abbott is the only survivor of a family of eleven children. She is an intelligent and well preserved lady of seventy-eight, and resides with her son and daughter at the family homestead. A brother, Xerxes C., born in 1832, was a captain in the Fifteenth Vermont regiment, settled in Nebraska, and after the war, Richard H., another brother, born in 1841, settled in California, where he amassed a handsome property; Soloman Stevens spent his later years here and died in 1897. J. D. Abbott, born in 1822, was one of the nine children of John and Anne (Brock) Abbott, none of whom are now living. He was formerly a teacher, and was in trade in Barnet some twenty-five years after 1850, and was also a farmer. The seven children of J. D. and Sarah (Stevens) Abbott were Kate, Edward, Fanny (deceased), wife of J. M. Roberts, Ella, Mrs. W. H. Johnson of Nebraska, Charles, who died in infancy, Jerry, and Mary, who resides with her brother at Barnet. Jerry is located at Woodsville, New Hampshire, as treasurer of the savings bank, and is also treasurer of the Barnet creamery.

Edward Abbott at an early age assumed the care and labors of his father's farm, and has developed into an energetic and successful man of affairs. He conducts a dairy farm of two hundred acres, and the standard livery stable of the village with half a dozen good teams. Mr. Abbott is also interested in the sale of sleighs and carriages. A genial and active man and reliable salesman, few men are as familiar with the men and business of this section.

KENERSON, JOSIAH S., son of John B. and Eleanor F. (Richardson) Kenerson, was born at Peacham, November 7, 1832. John B. Kenerson moved from Orange to Peacham in 1830, where he afterwards resided, a respected citizen and farmer until his death at the advanced age of eighty-eight. Joseph Kenerson, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a soldier of the Revolution and John B., with others, marched to Plattsburg in the War of 1812, but arrived too late to participate in the battle.

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Josiah S. Kenerson was brought up on the paternal farm and attended the excellent public schools of his native town. At the age of

JOSIAH H. KENERSON.

twenty-one he married Abbie S., daughter of Hiram Leet of Danville, Province of Quebec, and for a time was a shoemaker in Peacham, and in January, 1863, moved to Manchester, New Hampshire.

He enlisted in July, 1863, in the First New Hampshire heavy artillery for three years, and was discharged at the close of the war, after more than two years of faithful service in the Army of the Potomac. Soon after his return from the service he bought a farm in Peacham, and for several years actively engaged in the business of auctioneering, and was six years deputy sheriff. In 1872 he moved from Peacham to Barnet village, where he has since resided. He soon afterward began selling phosphate for the Rumford Chemical works, for four years selling their goods at auction. Later he engaged with the Bradley Fertilizer company, and was in their employ twelve years, traveling over northern Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. During the past seven years Mr. Kenerson has traveled for Swift's Fertilizer company, and being a generous, warm-hearted, courteous gentleman, he has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. In 1888 he was elected to the legislature from Barnet, and was a useful member. Mr. Kenerson is a member of Connecticut River lodge of Odd Fellows of Barnet, and of Austin Goodell post, G. A. R., of Monroe, New Hampshire. Mrs. Kenerson died in 1896, leaving one son, A. H. Kenerson, a graduate of Dartmouth of the class of '76 and a member of the well-known school book firm of Ginn & Co., of Boston.

A. H. Kenerson had two sons, E. H. and John B.; the former a gradnate of Dartmouth college of the class of 1903, is an agent for Ginn & Co.; the latter, a freshman at Dartmouth, was drowned in Connecticut river March 29, 1903. In May, 1875, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah S. Kenerson adopted a little girl named Flora Estelle, who at the age of nineteen married J. H. Watson, and May 9, 1899, was burned to death at Wilder, leaving two little daughters, Ruth and Florence.

November 16, 1897, Mr. Kenerson married Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, daughter of Rev. Ora Pearsons of Peacham. Her son by a former marriage, George E. Whitehill, M.

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D., and daughter, Mary, wife of L. A. Bigelow, reside in Everett, Massachusettts.

ELLIOTT, Dr. Henry Augustus, son of Edmund Harvey and Ellen E. (Cheever) Elliott, was born in Rumney, New Hampshire, July 27, 1867. Edmund H. Elliott is a solid and prosperous lumber and ladder manufacturer, a highly respected citizen and self-made man. The common school education of Henry A. Elliott was supplemented by a course of study at Colby academy, New London, New Hampshire, where he fitted for college. Later he enjoyed the experience of teaching school in his native town. Having resolved to adopt the medical profession he spent a year reading in the office of Dr. Heath of Wakefield, Massachusetts, and then pursued the regular course at the medical department of University of Vermont, from which he graduated in July, 1893.

Dr. Elliott settled in practice at Barnet in January, 1894, where he has since remained, and built up a steadily increasing and remunerative practice. In June, 1894, he married Hattie, daughter of Charles C. Smart, a prominent business and public man of Rumney, New Hampshire. Their fireside is cheered by the presence of four interesting children: Howard Newton, Loren Porter, Virginia, Maellen, and Harriet Elizabeth.

Dr. Elliott has taken an active and abiding interest in the social life and material progress of Barnet, and is highly esteemed as a physician and citizen. During the past six years he has been health officer of the town.

As president of the Village Improvement society he has been instrumental in providing wholesome amusements and securing substantial improvements. He is a member of Mystic Tie lodge, New England Order of Protection of Peacham, and vice-grand of Connecticut River lodge, No. 7, of Odd Fellows, of Barnet. Dr. Elliott is also a member of the Vermont State Medical society. In the fall of 1900 he took a post-graduate course at Baltimore Medical college.

Dr. and Mrs. Elliott still retain their membership in the Baptist church of Rumney, although contributing to the support of the gospel at Barnet.

Peter R. Gochee.

GOCHEE, Peter R., son of Joseph and Mary (Goodchild) Gochee, was born at Monroe, New Hampshire, June 20, 1860. He was

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brought up on a farm and is practically a lifelong resident of Barnet. He worked out on farms and in mills for several years after he became of age, and there learned the cost and value of money and saved the nest egg with which he began his business career. For several years he was actively engaged in real estate, buying and selling farms and farm stock. In December, 1889, he became junior partner of the firm of Gilfillan, Morrison & Co., for one year, being the business manager. In September, 1892, he married Jennie, daughter of Smith B. Livingstone of Peacham. Mr. Gochee bought the Robert Brock farm of one hundred and forty-five acres near Passumpsic in January, 1894, which he conducted for eight years, and during this period handled other farm properties. After six months' experience in the feed business, in March, 1902, he rented the Barnet grist-mill of J. P. Miller & Son, and conducted it a year and a half. In September, 1903, he built his warehouse and started a new flour and feed store near Barnet depot. A jovial and accommodating salesman and a hustler, experienced in this line, his success has exceeded his anticipation. He deals extensively with the Ides of St. Johnsbury and is doing a business of more than twenty-five hundred dollars per month.

Peter R. and Jennie Gochee have a family of six promising children: Elsie Mae, Hazen A., Hale P., Wendell Stafford, Neil Dow, and Ruth Iva.

VAN DYKE, PHILO B., son of George and Abigail H. (Dixon) Van Dyke, was born in Noyon, Province of Quebec, October 31, 1841. His parents were both native Vermonters. The Van Dyke family is of Dutch descent, coming originally from the state of New York. Abigail (Dixon) Van Dyke is still living at Lancaster, New Hampshire, and her children have recently celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday. Her health is good and her mental faculties active. Her father Captain Joseph Dixon, was a volunteer Green Mountain boy of the War of 1812. Philo Van Dyke was reared upon a farm, where he formed a vigorous constitution and spent most of his minority in the eastern townships of the Province of Quebec. At seventeen years of age he came to northern Vermont, and in 1864 enlisted in the First New Hampshire heavy artillery, and was mustered out in June, 1865, at the close of the war. He served on the police force at Lawrence, Massachusetts, from 1866 to 1873. Returning to Lancaster, New Hampshire, he assisted his brother, George Van Dyke, in his extensive lumber business. In 1877 he removed to McIndoe, where he has since resided, and has managed the lumber mills of the Connecticut Valley Lumber company, which are located here and which have manufactured several million feet of lumber annually, the most extensive lumber business on this river in Vermont. Mr. Van Dyke is a man of tireless energy and unusual business capacity, and no one is more closely identified with the prosperity of McIndoe than he. He is a liberal contributor to the public institutions of the village. He owns the Monteith farm, a fine homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, located in the village, Van Dyke block,

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and several residences, his own the finest in the village, and has been financially successful. Mr. Van Dyke married Annie J., daughter of James Smith of Bloomfield, Vermont, in 1883. They have had an interesting family of nine children: Charles Ver Nooy, M. D., of New York city, and Bertha L., wife of William A. Bellchambers of Brooklyn.

Mr. Van Dyke, although best known as a successful business man, is liberal in his tastes and interests.

PHILO B. VAN DYKE.

Abbie Jane and Philo B., Jr., are students at Manchester, New Hampshire; G. Dick, Percy J., Gladys M., Norman S., and Alice L., reside with their parents; Gerald H. and Milton died in childhood. Mr. Van Dyke has two daughters by a former marriage: Harriett M., wife of

He is a member of Austin Goodell post, G. A. R., of Monroe, also of Tuscan lodge, F. & A. M., Lawrence, Massachusetts, and of Hector lodge, Knights of Pythias, of McIndoe.

WINCH, GEORGE F., son of Rev. C. M. and Jane E. (Fullam) Winch, was born in Brookfield, October 22,

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1851. His father was an esteemed Congregational minister and filled long pastorates at Worcester, Plainfield, Corinth, and Lower Waterford.

George F. Winch received a good common school education in the towns of Worcester and Plainfield, and at eighteen years of age began his mercantile career.

In 1873 he married Addie Mann of Barre, and engaged in trade one year at Waits River. Later he had

GEORGE F. WINCH.

a valuable and eventful experience as clerk and foreman nine years with the Vermont Copper Mining company at Ely, Vermont, where during the "Ely war" he showed a courage and presence of mind in diverting the attention of the rioters, that saved much valuable property. Later Mr. Winch had charge of a store two years at Lyndonville, and of the Woods store two years at Passumpsic. He commenced business in McIndoe in the fall of 1888. An accommodating and reliable salesman, with a varied and ample experience, his business has largely increased, and he now carries a $10,000 stock. Besides having all of the features of a general country store he carries a full line of undertaker's goods, is an accomplished funeral director, has learned the art of embalming and is a licensed embalmer, and does a large business in this line. He finished his commodious store, 40x55 feet, in 1894. He also conducts a livery and carries commercial travelers. G. F. Winch is a hustler, and a systematic and successful business man. Mrs. Winch is an attractive and capable lady. The daughters, Ella A. and Flora M., are both graduates of McIndoe academy. Ella married E. P. Sawyer of Portland and died May 11, 1902. Mr. Winch is a member of Hector lodge, Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican in politics, and for six years was superintendent of the Sunday-school at the Congregational church. He has been postmaster at McIndoe Falls for seven years, and four years deputy sheriff, also many years constable and collector of Barnet.

PHELPS, WALTER M., son of Anthony J. and Mary A. (Kidder) Phelps, was born in Lunenburg, November 23, 1852. His grandfather, Anthony Phelps, was of English descent and one of the early settlers of Lunenburg. His father was born in 1812, and settled on the river farm where the South Lunenburg schoolhouse now stands, and the family resided there until Walter was twelve years old, when they removed to Concord. Anthony and Mary A. Phelps reared a family of

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ten children. Walter M. was early in life thrown upon his own resources, and at the age of sixteen bought his time of his father. He was employed three years in a shoe manufactory at Charlestown, New Hampshire, and later in the ice business at Worcester, Massachusetts.

He married November 24, 1875, Helen D., daughter of Duncan and Phœbe (Hight) Harvey of Barnet. The next spring Mr. Phelps invested his well-earned savings in the fine hill farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, two miles from McIndoe, which he still owns, and to which he has added one hundred acres by purchase.

Mr. Phelps is a man of great energy, a successful farmer, and a practical business man. The buildings were old, and he erected in 1887 a model barn, 44x100, with double floor and entire basement. He also rebuilt the house and horse-barn, which were burned to the ground in April, 1894, involving a heavy loss. The same year he erected the present fine house and horse-barn, and continued to reside there until 1899, conducting it as a stock and dairy farm, one of the best in town, when he removed to his present home in McIndoe. This place contains one hundred acres. It has a fine view of the Connecticut river valley and has been christened "Bonnie View." Mr. Phelps is widely and favorably known as a reliable dealer in farm stock, and during the past ten years has extensively handled Western and Northern horses, buying by the carload and selling in this vicinity and in Massachusetts. He is highly esteemed as a citizen of integrity and ability, has served the town repeatedly as a lister, and is now a selectman. He is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias.

Walter M. and Helen D. Phelps have four children, all of whom have been educated at McIndoe academy. Alice B. is a graduate of the business department of St. Johnsbury academy, and has held positions as bookkeeper and stenographer; Harvey J. W. also has a diploma from Barbour's Business col-

WALTER M. PHELPS.

lege and is actively engaged in buying and shipping live stock; L. Perley has commenced the shipment of Iowa horses; while Leonard A., the youngest, is still at home.

CRANE, DENZIL M., son of Charles and Mary (Fisk) Crane, was born in Danville, February 19, 1848. Reared upon a farm, he formed a sturdy, robust physique and habits of industry and economy. He attended Phillips academy and taught

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several terms of winter school. He continued to remain on the farm, and finally bought a portion of it, on which he erected a set of buildings. In 1879 he sold the farm to his brother and removed to Barnet.

He married in 1877 Nancie Agnes, daughter of Jesse G. and Julia A. (Snow) of Brandon.

When Mr. Crane settled in Barnet he consolidated the Roberts

DENZIL M. CRANE.

Blair and Joseph Gillfillan farms, making a tract of 350 acres of good hill land.

During the past quarter of a century he has made many and great improvements. He has doubled the production of the farms, which now carry sixty head of cattle, including an excellent dairy of Jerseys and some fine horses. He has erected a modern barn, 42 x 80, with double floor and entire basement, also a horse barn 40 x40 feet.

The fine two-story farmhouse, finished in hardwood, is a monument of his industry and good taste.

The farm is well adapted for producing hay and top-dressing is an important feature of farm economy.

Mr. and Mrs. Crane have reared a vigorous family of four sons and four daughters and have satisfactorily solved the help problem on the farm. The eldest, Grace M., married William J. Orr, of Groton. The other children, Emma L. D., Roger, Royal M., Edna A., Nelson H., Alaric J., and J. Helen, reside at home. The three eldest are graduates of McIndoes academy.

Mr. Crane is an esteemed citizen and a successful farmer and financier.

In 1901 he sold stock to raise money to convert the skimming station at McIndoes into a creamery, and superintended the building of the same, and has been president of the company ever since. It is one of the most successful creameries in this section. The other officers are R. M. Johnson, vice-president, D. M. Crane, R. M. Johnson, Alexander Warden, J. F. Aiken, and Frank Lackie, directors; C. I. Smith, clerk and treasurer.

GOODRICH, JEDD H., son of Leonard H. and Julia M. (Hubbard) Goodrich, was born in Randolph, September 14, 1868. His boyhood was spent in Randolph, where he attended the graded school. At fifteen years of age he went to St. Johnsbury and there learned the tinman and plumber's trade of his brother, Henry J. Goodrich, where he remained a dozen years. In Jan-

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uary, 1894, he located in McIndoe and started a tin shop, hardware store, and plumbing business, the first enterprise of this kind in the village. He carries a well-selected stock of general hardware, which includes mechanics' tools and supplies, shelf hardware, agricultural implements, table cutlery, sportsman's goods, kitchen furnishings, tin, iron, glass, and stone ware, drain tile and cement, paints, oils, and varnishes, sugar makers' supplies in their season, also a good supply of stoves and ranges, the Glenwood being the leader. Mr. Goodrich has such a convenient classification of his goods that a customer is at once guided to a discreet selection of the article needed. He has a good location for the business, midway between St. Johnsbury and Wells River, and secures a liberal and increasing patronage. The hardware store is a great public convenience, and Mr. Goodrich is a popular and reliable salesman and plumber.

He married, in 1890, Izetta, daughter of Horace Jackson of St. Johnsbury. He is a member of Passumpsic lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M., and of Haswell chapter of St. Johnsbury.

CHASE BROTHERS. Stephen and Theodore W. Chase were born at Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1874 and 1876, respectively. They are sons of Frederick and Mary (Pomeroy) Chase. The late Frederick Chase was well known as treasurer of Dartmouth college, and many years judge of probate of Grafton county. He was formerly a lawyer in New York and Washington. Stephen Chase graduated from Dartmouth college in 1896, and Theodore W. three years later. Both are college fraternity men and noted as athletes, Stephen holding the world's record in the hurdle race of one hundred and twenty yards. Stephen Chase bought an interest in the Passumpsic Fiber Leather company in the fall of 1897, and has since been actively engaged in developing this promising enterprise. Theodore W. Chase became a partner in 1902 and Chase Brothers now own a controlling interest in the stock. With the advent of fresh capital and energy the plant has been greatly enlarged and improved, and this is now one of the largest and best equipped mills of its kind in the country, employs fourteen men, and does an extensive business. It is, in fact, the leading industrial enterprise of Passumpsic. The officers of the Passumpsic Fiber Leather company are: George F. Cushman of St. Johnsbury, president; Stephen Chase, secretary and manager; Theodore W. Chase, treasurer. Chase Brothers have recently bought the Kelley farm, one mile from the village, and are doing a considerable wood and lumber business. They have recently purchased a steam sawmill which will soon be located in this village, and will be a great public convenience.

Stephen Chase married, in 1902, Helen, daughter of Isaac Watts of Peacham, and Theodore W. Chase resides with them.

The advent of these enterprising young men introduces a new element of business and social activity in this pretty village.

MEACHAM, Rev. C. D. R., son of Daniel, son of Jeremiah, son of Samuel, of Canaan, New Hampshire, was born near Waterloo, Province of Quebec, October 10, 1838. His pa-

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rents were both from Vermont, and returned to Newport when the subject of this sketch was only six months old. There he grew to manhood, and from there attended the academies of North Troy, Newport, and Derby, as opportunity offered.

REV. C. D. R. MEACHAM.

In 1867 he graduated from New Hampton institute, Fairfax, Vermont, and the same year entered Newton Baptist Theological seminary, where he graduated in the class of 1870. The same year he married Electa D. Grow of Topsham, and was ordained pastor of the Baptist church at Barre, Massachusetts. He held pastorates in Barre, North Scituate, Ashland, and Canton, Massachusetts. While pastor at North Scituate, he was given leave of absence for an extended trip in foreign lands, going as far east as the Holy Land, and was among the first to give illustrated lectures with lantern views of Egypt and Palestine. In Massachusetts he was on the board of directors of the Baptist state convention, and many years a member of the school board. In Vermont he was pastor of the Bap-

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tist church at Townsend seven years, where he did much valuable work, building the new church and new seminary there and serving as superintendent of schools. For many years he has been a member of the board of directors of the Vermont Baptist state convention. He is in his sixth year as pastor of the church at Passumpsic. He has been superintendent of schools, and is the present representative of the town of Barnet. Apart from his professional work, of which he has done much not mentioned, both East and West, Mr. Meacham is a man of great scientific research. He is a thorough student of archæology, and few men are better read in the natural history of New England, or as familiar with its flora and fauna as he. "For recreation," he says, "as a kind of safety valve to relieve the strain of more strenuous work," Mr. Meacham indulges in art and poetry, and has recognized gifts in both these lines, but his supreme desire and purpose is to subordinate all things to the work of the ministry, and to lay all under contribution for the uplifting of humanity. He has two sons, C. W. Meacham of Chicago, and A. B. Meacham of the Post-Graduate Medical school of New York city. Mr. Meacham is a strong, persuasive speaker, is a Prohibition Republican, and did faithful work at Montpelier in behalf of temperance legislation.

LINDSAY, WILLIAM, son of Peter and Margaret (Lang) Lindsay, was born in Barnet, October 8, 1843. His grandfather, Andrew Lindsay, came to Barnet prior to the Revolution, and settled near Barnet Center, and in 1817 bought this and an adjoining farm, in all three hundred and twenty-seven acres. Peter Lindsay, his son, was born there the same year.

In 1837 he bought this farm, married, and remained here during his entire life, and built most of the present buildings. Peter Lindsay was a prominent citizen and was selectman and overseer many years. William was the third of a family of four sons and three daughters, six of whom are now living.

William was educated in the public schools and at McIndoe academy. When he became of age he enlisted in the frontier cavalry and saw several months' service. In March, 1867, he married Mary Jane, daughter of Jason E. and Betsey Judkins of Danville. He bought the Captain Warden farm in Barnet, which he still owns, and where he resided until in 1888, when, at his father's death, he located on the paternal farm near East Barnet, where he has since resided. The farm is conducted largely as a dairy farm, with about twenty cows.

William and Mary Jane Lindsay have two sons: Murray, a locomotive engineer residing at Lakeport, New Hampshire, who married Louise Dow, and Fred A., who is associated with his father in business. Fred married Nettie A. Bandy of Peacham, and they have one son, Guy Fred. He is the fifth generation who has lived on this farm during a period of eighty-eight years. After serving the town two years as constable and collector, William Lindsay was appointed by Sheriff Sulloway deputy sheriff, and efficiently served the county twenty years, and never failed to be present at every term of the court. He has had many exciting experiences, and

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has a wide personal acquaintance and a host of friends among the public and business men of this section. Mr. Lindsay and his sons are Odd Fellows and he is a member of X. C. Stevens post, G. A. R.

SUMNER P. PINNEY.

PINNEY, SUMNER P., son of Jabez and Sophia D. (Sherman) Pinney, was born in Greensboro, October 2, 1844. Jabez Pinney was one of the solid and prominent men of Orleans county in his day. In his town and section he was held in the highest esteem, and filled nearly every town office, including that of representative, treasurer, and justice, many years, also deputy sheriff and postmaster.

Sumner P. Pinney's excellent common school education was supplemented by study at the People's academy at Morrisville. Inheriting many of the estimable qualities of his father, he took an active part in the affairs of his native town, where he continued to reside, with the exception of three years at Wolcott, caring for the declining years of his aged parents, until September, 1899, when he came to Passumpsic and bought the store of H. E. Wilson. He was well known for many years as a teacher of vocal music, having classes in his town and section, and is chorister at the Baptist church. In politics, a hard money Democrat, he was appointed postmaster at Greensboro during Cleveland's first administration and held that position more than ten years.

Mr. Pinney married Carrie Noble of Hyde Park, and three children were born to them, of whom two sons are living: Jabez M., associated with his father in business, and Orville N., a graduate of St. Johnsbury academy, who is employed by Holden Brothers, wholesale grocers of Boston.

Mrs. Pinney died in 1882, and in 1898 he married Abbie, daughter of the late Hon. R. F. Parker, and widow of Hon. M. S. Burnell of Wolcott. She has been the efficient postmistress at Passumpsic during the past four years. Mr. Pinney's store is well stocked with general country merchandise, the leading features being choice family groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, and agricultural implements. With a model classification, reasonable prices, and square deal, Mr. Pinney is securing an excellent patronage, and is a potent factor in the social and industrial life of the village.

McLAREN, MILO S., son of James and Catherine (Somers) McLaren, was born April 24, 1859, in Barnet, on the farm where he

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now resides. The McLaren family was an early and numerous one in Barnet.

"During the Revolutionary war, and for some years after it, the town held its meetings at John McLaren's. Upon the first call for Revolutionary soldiers, in 1777, John McLaren, Bartholomew Somers, and James Orr, all of whom settled early in town, went to Saratoga at the time of Burgoyne's surrender. Mr. McLaren's potatoes were not dug until the next spring, when they were found to be fresh and good, as the snow came early and stayed deep all winter."—Early records of Barnet, in Hemingway *Gazeteer*.

He settled on the farm which has since been occupied by four generations of his posterity, where the old Scotch clock has ticked out the minutes of more than one hundred and thirty years.

"What greetings smile, what farewells wave,
What loved ones enter and depart,
The good, the beautiful, the brave,
The heaven-lent treasures of the heart."

Truly this is sacred ground to the McLarens, and long may they dwell and prosper here. Alexander was the son and successor of John, the pioneer, and James was the son of Alexander, who remained on the paternal estate. He was born November 21, 1828, and died in 1890. A part of the present house has been occupied by the family more than a century.

The home farm of one hundred and fifty acres carries about forty head of cattle, including a dairy of twenty cows. The hay crop is supplemented by green oats and peas and fodder corn, and the butter is made upon the farm with the modern utensils.

Milo S. McLaren is a worthy descendant of a stanch ancestry, a successful farmer and exemplary citizen in every relation of life. He has served as selectman, and was the representative of Barnet in 1894-'95. He married, in 1887, Luvia, daughter of Alexander Somers of Barnet. They have four children: Lina Florence, James Carroll, Elsie Jennette, and Hester May.

MASON, FRANCIS W., son of Edward D. and Betsey (Ide) Mason, was born in Passumpsic village, No-

FRANCIS W. MASON.

vember 13, 1850. His father, Edward Mason, was one of several brothers who came from Ireland early in the century and settled in this vicinity, and was a resident of Passumpsic.

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Francis W. Mason is one of a family of four children: Edward D., a graduate of Dartmouth, valedictorian of his class and a Baptist minister in Boston; Mary (deceased), and Susie A., widow of C. C. Harvey. He has resided in Passumpsic village longer than any other man now living there, and no one is more completely identified with the various interests of the village and town. He was educated in the public schools and at St. Johnsbury academy. In 1868, he entered the employ of E. T. & H. K. Ide, and during the past twenty years, since the rebuilding of their grist-mills at Passumpsic, has been superintendent of that extensive enterprise. Very few men have as wide and familiar an acquaintance with the farmers of this valley as Mr. Mason, and his accommodating disposition and jovial manners have made him a most successful and popular salesman.

A man of ability and wide general information, and a stalwart Republican, Mr. Mason represented Barnet in the legislature in 1896, served on the general committee, and is the Caledonia county member of the Second District Republican committee. During the past sixteen years he has been justice of the peace of Passumpsic, and has held the usual town offices. Broad gauge in his social affinities, he is an Odd Fellow, a Mason, and a member of Palestine commandery. His mother, Betsey (Ide) Mason, now ninety-one years of age, is the oldest person in the village, a spared monument of a past generation. A lady of rare social and moral worth, her mental faculties are still clear and active.

NELSON, WILBUR, son of William R. and Lydia J. (Way) Nelson, was born May 8, 1859, at Monroe, New Hampshire. Removing with his father's family to Barnet when he was eight years old, he had the usual experience of farm life and school attendance, and completed his education at McIndoe and St. Johnsbury academies.

Wilbur Nelson remained with his father on the home farm until his death in 1884, and in 1895 married the widow of the late Alex. McLaren, formerly Addie L. Woodward of Danville, also buying a half interest in the fine farm where they reside. They have four children: Jennie and Ethel McLaren, students respectively at Troy Business college and Peacham academy; Jennie B., and William Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson own the splendid home farm of two hundred and fifty acres, with a back lot of pasture and timber land of one hundred and fifty acres. The farm slopes to the southeast, commanding a pleasant view of rural scenery. The land is early and productive. The sixty-five acres of mowing and tillage—nearly all of the grass ground producing two crops—carries a stock of from seventy-five to ninety head of cattle, including about sixty grade Jersey cows; also a farm team of half a dozen horses, probably the largest farm stock in town.

Mr. Nelson has a silo of two hundred tons' capacity, and usually harvests ten or a dozen acres of ensilage corn, and a large area of oats and peas for early fall use. He usually top-dresses twenty acres annually, and some of his land cuts

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five tons per acre by actual weight.

His barn, 48 x 132, with double floor and entire basement, is one of the largest and best in this section.

Mr. Nelson possesses those prime requisites of the successful farmer, a splendid physique, excellent judgment, integrity and tireless energy and Mrs. Nelson is equally efficient. A man of cordial and hearty manners, Mr. Nelson is active and public spirited, and is now serving the town as school director.

GOULD, JOSEPH DWIGHT, son of Joseph A. and Relief (Shumway) Gould, was born in Waterford, May 25, 1840. He was reared on the farm now owned by Tobias Lyster, and completed his education at St. Johnsbury academy under James K. Colby. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in the hardware trade in St. Johnsbury, and a few years later moved to Passumpsic and acquired an interest in the woolen mill there which burned two years later, involving severe financial loss. In 1865 he married Mahala L., daughter of Langdon and Louisa Kendall of Passumpsic. Returning to St. Johnsbury he was for several years engaged in the express business. Since 1878 he has resided in Passumpsic, where he has engaged in various lines of business, and been an important factor in the industrial and social life of that community. He bought the Kinne farm of five hundred acres, one mile from the village, which he still owns. Mr. Gould is best known, however, as the pioneer and business manager of the Passumpsic Creamery association, which under his able management has become one of the most extensive and successful institutions of its kind in Vermont.

The association was organized June 20, 1895, and Mr. Gould was elected secretary, treasurer, and manager, positions which he has since acceptably occupied. The association bought the old Baptist church, and converted it into a creamery building, and commenced operations the following October. The creamery now has one hundred and seventy-five patrons, and in 1903 made 349,505 pounds of butter, paying to its patrons about $82,000. The sales to a single customer, R. Marston, the great restaurant proprietor of Boston, were more than $20,000. Mr. Gould's success in this line of work has greatly redounded to the prosperity of this section, and has been recognized by his recent election as president and manager of the East Ryegate creamery. He became well known as the secretary and treasurer of the Cale-

JOSEPH D. GOULD.

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donia Fair Ground company for several years, and as the efficient superintendent of the horse department. He has often been called to assist in the settlement of estates. He is one of the busiest of men, has lived the strenuous life, and his spare, active form is a familiar figure. Mr. Gould has been identified with many local business and public activities, has served as selectman, and was charter member of Green Mountain grange, the first grange organized in New England. He is a strong temperance man and both he and Mrs. Gould are members of the Baptist church.

SMITH, James E., son of Robert and Agnes Esdan Smith, was born at Johnston, in Renfrewshire, Scotland, January 2, 1845. He came to Passumpsic at eight years of age with his father's family. Robert Smith was a mechanic, worked for a time for Smith & Galbraith at Passumpsic, and later located at West Barnet. James E. was educated in the West Barnet schools; left home at eighteen years of age, went to Lowell, Massachusetts, and was employed six years in the woolen mills. Later he was engaged in bridge building in Iowa for eight years. In 1879 he returned to West Barnet and bought his present plant of Stuart & McMillan, and has been engaged in the manufacture of butter stamps and butter boxes until the present time. He manufactures the well-known combination butter prints, invented by J. R. Kenerson, now sold by J. H. Farnum of Peacham. This famous package varies in size from a quarter of a pound to sixteen pounds, and there is a large and increasing demand for them in all of the dairying sections of the United States. Mr. Smith is the owner of a good library and is widely and well read on the public events of the day, as well as a successful manufacturer and skilful mechanic.

BLAIR, Hon. George P., was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1836. He came to Peacham in 1849. When he was eighteen years old he went to California, where he remained six years, most of the time engaged in hydraulic mining in Placer county, where his industry and energy were rewarded with moderate success. He responded to the call of duty and enlisted in Company D, First Vermont cavalry, and did faithful and continuous service until he was discharged with his regiment, soon after the battle of Cedar Creek, as quartermaster-sergeant of the regiment. Soon after his return from the service, he located in trade at South Peacham for four years. In 1870 he engaged in trade at West Barnet, where he has since remained. This is a good point for business, surrounded by a fine farming region, and Mr. Blair has proved to be the right man in the right place. During this time his trade and stock have more than doubled. In September, 1861, he married Agnes, daughter of Harvey Sanborn of Peacham. They have three daughters and a son: Margaret (Mrs. E. J. M. Hale, now living at West Barnet); Mary, who married Dr. Albert J. Mackey of Peacham; Agnes is wife of Leslie H. Thornton, an exemplary young man, who is postmaster at West Barnet, and associated with Mr. Blair in business; George H. Blair is bookkeeper in a wholesale grocery in Spokane, Washington. All of the children

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were educated at the Caledonia county grammar school, located in Peacham, and Mr. Blair has been a member of the board of trustees of the school since 1884, and been secretary and treasury since 1888. Mr. Blair is well known in business circles as a man of marked industry, integrity, and ability, and has often been called to settle estates, and has probably settled more than any other man in this county.

He was for many years justice of peace, first in Peacham, then in Barnet, until he was appointed postmaster at West Barnet some twenty years ago, a position which he filled many years. He has been one of the directors of the Citizens' Savings bank of St. Johnsbury since its organization, and is now vice-president. He has served as selectman in both Peacham and Barnet. Elected to the legislature from Barnet in 1880, he served on the grand list committee that draughted the listing law, then enacted. He was a senator from Caledonia county in 1896, and again represented Barnet in 1900, the only man to be sent

GEORGE P. BLAIR.

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a second term since the biennial law of 1870. He attends and liberally supports the Presbyterian church at West Barnet, and is a member of C. Stevens post, No. 83, G. A. R. Mr. Blair is a representative citizen, and in the best sense a self-made man.

STUART, GEORGE H., son of William and Jane (Whitelaw) Stuart, was born at West Barnet, May 6, 1847. Cloud Stuart, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came from Scotland with his family about 1770, bought one thousand acres of land, and settled in Barnet, one of the earliest pioneers, on a section which includes the present Stuart farm. The first small clearing that he made in the wilderness was on the site of the present cemetery, and here his wife was the first to be buried. His large estate fell in equal shares to his three sons, one of whom, Alexander, married Mary Abbott. They reared a family of five sons and two daughters, several of the sons sharing in ownership of the old homestead.

William and Jane (Whitelaw) Stuart reared a family of four sons and four daughters on this farm, of whom two sons and two daughters are now living. He erected the fine and commodious farm buildings, and was a man of unusual energy and force of character. Six generations of the Stuarts have lived on this grand old ancestral homestead. It has been owned in the family more than one hundred and thirty years, and never encumbered by a mortgage. The home farm of one hundred and ten acres, with a sixty acre back lot, is one of the best in town, and commands a lovely view. There is a splendid sugar place. Twelve hundred trees are set up with tin buckets and the modern evaporators. During the past ten years, George H. Stuart has doubled the productions of the farm, largely by top dressing. Nearly all of the thirty-six acres of mowing and tillage land cuts two crops of hay annually and supports thirty grade Jersey cows, half a dozen horses, and a small flock of sheep.

At twenty-four years of age George H. Stuart married Sarah J., daughter of James Ritchie, and went to Stuart, Iowa. A year later, returning to his parents' golden wedding anniversary, they were persuaded to remain near them. Mr. Stuart, in company with his brother-in-law, conducted the West Barnet sawmill three years, and bought and carried on a farm seventeen years. In 1889 he again went to Audubon, Iowa, and for three years was farm manager for his brother Charles' widow, having charge of more than two thousand head of cattle and four hundred horses. Whatever he undertakes he does with great energy and thoroughness. He has served as lister and is now a selectman. He is intensely loyal to his native town.

The only son, James Hamilton Stuart, married Florence L. Staples, who died leaving two children: Hamilton C. and Julia M., whose home is with their grandparents. J. H. Stuart owns and conducts the village sawmill.

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CONGRESSMAN DAVID J. FOSTER.

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FOSTER, Hon. David Johnson, was born in Barnet, June 27, 1857. He was educated in the schools of his native town, St. Johnsbury academy, and graduated from Dartmouth college, class of 1880. He is a lawyer by profession, and in 1880 took up his residence at Burlington. He served as city grand juror, city school commissioner from 1885 to 1887. In 1886 he was elected state's attorney for Chittenden county, and reëlected in 1890. He was normal school examiner from 1884 to 1886, and in 1892 was chosen state senator from Chittenden county. He served as commissioner of state taxes from 1894 to 1898, and was appointed chairman of the Vermont railroad commission in 1898. In 1900 he was elected to the fifty-seventh congress to succeed the Hon. H. Henry Powers. He was reëlected in 1902.

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PEACHAM.

Population, Census of 1900, 794.

After the surrender of Quebec, in 1759, the stalwart citizens of southern New England began to pour into the unsettled regions of the great western valley of the Connecticut and its tributaries. Peacham was chartered in 1763, and was born 164 miles from home, for the first town-meeting of the proprietors was held at Hadley, Massachusetts, the ensuing year. "Affairs slumbered, and for nearly twenty years the town remained in almost unbroken silence." In 1774 pitches were made by Jonathan Elkins, John Sanborn, Frye Bailey, John Skeele, and Reuben Carr, and the same year a line was run from Connecticut river, through Peacham and Barnet to Lake Champlain.

The next year Jonathan Elkins came in with several hired men and began clearing on his lot.

In March of 1776 several companies of Colonel Bedell's regiment marched on snowshoes through Peacham on the line cut in 1774. The same spring General Jacob Bailey of Newbury had orders to make a road from Newbury to St. John, Canada, for the forwarding of troops and supplies for the invasion of Canada. After cutting six miles above Peacham, when the news arrived that the Americans had returned from Canada, the undertaking was abandoned. In October, 1776, Elkins again returned with his family, accompanied by Archibald McLaughlin and John Skeele, and they spent the winter together in Peacham. These were the first permanent settlers. In 1777 James Bailey, Arthur Chamberlain, and Noah Halliday moved in with their families. The anxieties and alarm consequent on the Revoutionary war prevented a rapid settlement for several years. "In 1778 the inhabitants of Peacham were in constant alarm." Our scouts frequently discovered signs of Indians, and during this year a number of prisoners and British deserters found their way through from Canada, and arrived at Peacham in a very weak and famished condition. The inhabitants had to go to Newbury for their grinding, and much of the time in winter with no other than a snowshoe path.

In 1779, General Hazen came to Peacham with a part of his regiment, and cleared and made a passable road for fifty miles above Peacham, erecting several blockhouses for the purpose of defense. In the spring of 1780 Captain Aldrich came to Peacham and built a small picket around the house of James Bailey, but in the fall marched southward, leaving the inhabitants to look out for themselves. In March, 1781, the house of Jonathan Elkins was surrounded and raided by a party of Tories, who made prisoners of Colonel Thomas Johnson of Newbury, Jacob Page, and Colonel Elkins. In September, 1781, Captain Nehemiah Lovewell, who was stationed with his company at Peacham, sent a scout of four men up the Hazen road, who were ambushed and fired upon by the Indians. Two were killed and scalped and the other two taken prisoners to Canada. After the close of the Revolutionary war population rapidly increased, and Peacham became a point of some commercial importance in the In-

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dian trade. In 1791 the census showed a population of 365, in 1800, of 873; in 1810, 1,300; in 1820, 1,294, and in 1840, 1,443.

Peacham furnished 134 soldiers in the War for the Union, one ninth of its entire population. In 1869 a monument was erected on Academy hill by private subscription at an expense of $3,000, to perpetuate the memory of her sons "who gave their lives that the nation might live." Peacham furnished two of the most famous anti-slavery champions: Oliver Johnson and Thad Stevens.

The two most potent factors, which for more than a century have worked hand in hand for the intellectual and spiritual upbuilding of the people, are the Congregational church and Peacham academy. The church edifice is now one of the finest in the state, a model of taste and convenience. The present pastor is Rev. J. K. Williams. There is also a Methodist church, of which Rev. Mr. Ryan is pastor.

HARVEY, GEORGE, proprietor and editor of the *North American Review*, editor of *Harper's Weekly*, and president and chief owner of the publishing house of Harper & Brothers, comes of Scottish ancestry, and is a native of Vermont, where he was born, at Peacham, on February 16, 1864. He was educated at the Caledonia grammar school in that town, and at the age of eighteen became a reporter on the staff of the *Springfield Republican*, one of the foremost papers in New England, and remained there two years.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Harvey went to New York, and became a reporter for the *World*. For nearly seven years he served that paper, rising from place to place on its staff, until he became managing editor. In 1893 his health became impaired, and he was compelled to resign.

Mr. Harvey soon after turned his attention to business affairs. For two years he was associated in business with Hon. William C. Whitney. Then he undertook the development of electric railroad and lighting concerns on his own account. He built the electric roads on Staten Island, and at Long Branch, Asbury Park, and elsewhere on the New Jersey coast. In 1898 he formed what was known as the Harvey syndicate, and purchased the street railroads of Havana and other properties in Cuba.

Mr. Harvey was, at the age of twenty-one, appointed aide-de-camp, with the rank of colonel, on the staff of Governor Green of New Jersey. He was reappointed and made chief of staff by Governor Abbett, and declined another appointment at the hands of Governor Werts. He was also appointed commissioner of banking and insurance by Governor Abbett, but resigned the place after a few months in order to give his full time to newspaper work. He also declined the place of consul-general at Berlin, which was offered to him by President Cleveland.

Early in 1899 Colonel Harvey purchased and became editor of the *North American Review* of New York, perhaps the most noted of literary and critical periodicals in the United States.

In November, 1899, financial distress overtook the famous publishing house of Harper & Brothers, and Mr. Harvey, at the solicitation

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of all parties in interest, undertook the task of reorganization. Within two years he succeeded beyond the expectations of himself or anybody else, and the house is now more prosperous than ever before in its long history.

He is a director of several financial institutions and a member of the principal clubs in New York and London.

GEORGE HARVEY.

BUNKER, CHARLES ALBERT, son of Alfred and Mary Hodgdon Bunker, was born in Barnstead, New Hampshire, in 1840. He attended the public schools of his native town, and later Pittsfield academy, for three years, completing his academic studies at Phillips Exeter and Pembroke academies. He entered Dartmouth in the fall of 1860. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa societies.

Soon after his graduation, in 1864, he was made the principal of McIndoe's academy, Barnet, and two years later was called to Peacham as principal of the Caledonia county grammar school, now styled the Peacham academy, which was

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opened in 1797. After an honorable and successful term of service of twenty-eight years, Mr. Bunker resigned the principalship, his only connection with the school now being as member of the board of trustees. He inculcated the idea of self-help in the minds of the students, and was himself a living exemplar of that idea. Mr. Bunker was elected town superintendent of Peacham in 1869, which office he held sixteen years. In 1883 he was elected president of the State Teachers' association. He has held several minor town offices, and in 1886, as a Re-

CHARLES A. BUNKER.

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publican, was chosen state senator from Caledonia county, and re-elected in 1888.

He was elected to the legislature from Peacham in 1896, and took a conspicuous part in the work of that session. He was then chosen president of a board of five commissioners to superintend the normal schools in behalf of the state, and report their conditions and needs, and performed this work with characteristic thoroughness and ability. An able and eloquent orator, he was called to deliver the address at the centennial anniversary of Peacham academy in 1897. He has written for different periodicals, and lectured upon various educational, social, and political topics. He is a member of the Congregational church, and all his life he has labored in the Sunday-school. Mr. Bunker married, in 1869, Nellie, only daughter of Dr. Jeremiah and Adaline (Carroll) Blake, a lady of rare culture and character, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, and a lineal descendant of the Carroll family of Revolutionary fame.

STEELE, Robert M., son of Matthew and Lillian (Calderwood) Steele, was born in Peacham, September 27, 1866. He was the eldest son of a family of thirteen children. His early educational advantages were limited, for at nine years of age he was put to work out for farmers in Peacham, his wages going to his parents until he was of age. He continued to work out on farms until December, 1891, when he invested his well-earned wages in his present fine farm, one mile east of East Peacham. His farm slopes to the southeast, and is equally adapted to producing hay, corn, and grain. He raises bountiful crops of hay. Six years ago he erected a large silo, and under his great industry and able management he has doubled the productions of the farm during the past dozen years. He now carries a stock of fifty head of cattle, including thirty-five grade Jersey cows, and is a stockholder and patron of the creamery. The farm contains a fine sugar place of seven hundred trees well set up with tin buckets and evaporator, and an excellent grade of sugar is produced. Mr. Steele owns a seventy-acre farm at East Peacham, and a lot of cedar land in Danville. He has remodeled and rebuilt his barn, which is now 42 by 130 feet, with double floors and entire basement, and has a commodious farmhouse with the modern improvements. He owns a splendid farm team and equipment of machinery, including the McCormick corn harvester, and a gasoline engine for cutting wood and ensilage and threshing grain. He married in 1889, Mary Ann Killop of Danville. They have two children: Agnes and Herbert. Mr. Steele has served as selectman and is recognized as a young man of unusual energy, who has made a decided financial success in farming, the result of the industry, economy, and good judgment of himself and wife.

BAYLEY, Walter H., son of Ward S. Bayley, was born in Hardwick in 1857. He completed his education at Peacham academy and for several years was engaged in teaching district and village schools.

He married Ellen L., daughter of Dr. Luther F. Parker of Peacham in 1879. After farming several years on the paternal farm he moved to Peacham in 1886, rented

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the "Hale" house for three years and opened a summer boarding house. This was a roomy and sightly residence, originally built by Governor Mattocks. After the expiration of the lease Mr. Bayley purchased, renovated, and rebuilt the house, adding a second story and built the barn.

The Mountain View House, centrally located in this model rural village, is an ideal resort for rest and recreation. The scenery is fine, cuisine is excellent and every want is anticipated by Mr. Bayley and his amiable, intelligent wife, and you are soon made to feel perfectly at home.

RESIDENCE OF WALTER H. BAYLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayley have an interesting family of six children, who are cheerful and courteous assistants in the care of the hotel and livery.

Mr. Bayley has recently invented "Bayley's Safety Carriage Yoke." A patent has been obtained and the manufacture has already begun at Wood's brass foundry, Lyndonville. Being readily attached to and detached from the end of the pole, it is safe because there is nothing on which bridles and reins can catch and be broken, and because traces, whiffletrees and evener, one and all, may break and your horses will still control your carriage. It is handsomely finished in burnished brass, nickle, or silver, with the best second growth hickory and gives promise of securing an extensive use by the carriage manufacturers.

THE CALEDONIA COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, or Peacham Academy, as it is often called, has had a continuous existence of over one hundred years. In 1795 it was voted at a town-meeting to petition the legislature to establish the county grammar school of Caledonia County in Peacham, and the school was opened in 1797.

Since that time it has trained hundreds of young people, and has been the educational center for Peacham and the surrounding towns. It has had among its principals the late President Bartlett of Dartmouth College, the late President Thompson of Rose Polytechnic Institute, and the Hon. Charles A. Bunker.

The present building contains a

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hall, a school room, a reading room, a recitation room, and a laboratory for chemistry and physics.

Full preparation for college is afforded by the course of study. Especial attention is also given to instructing pupils in the principles of education and in preparing them for the county examinations. The principal object of the school, however, is to fit its students for the highest usefulness and happiness in life.

Hon. Cloud Harvey of Barnet is president of the trustees, and Hon. George P. Blair of Barnet is secretary and treasurer. The faculty consists of Dwight G. Burrage, A. M., principal, and Miriam E. Dimond, A. M., preceptress.

PEACHAM ACADEMY.

KINERSON, RUSSELL B., son of James R. and Emily (Bickford) Kinerson, was born in Peacham, January 25, 1857.

Deacon J. R. Kinerson was a prominent citizen of Peacham, a forceful and energetic character, well known as the inventor of the Kinerson butter stamp and package.

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His grandfather, Joseph Kinerson, was a soldier of the Revolution.

Russell B. Kinerson is a lifelong citizen and farmer on the ancestral

RUSSELL B. KINERSON.

farm, one mile from Peacham Corner. His education was completed at Peacham academy, under Principal Charles A. Bunker.

He married, in 1882, Lucy C., daughter of Deacon Charles M. Bailey of East Hardwick. Her ancestors were Revolutionary soldiers.

Russell B. Kinerson is one of three brothers who were reared upon the home farm, of which he has been the owner for the past six years. The farm is pleasantly located, one mile north of Peacham Corner, contains two hundred acres, and there are back lots of one hundred acres. It is conducted mainly as a dairy farm, with fifty head of cattle, including thirty-five high-grade Jersey cows and a small flock of sheep. Dairying and the silo have greatly increased its productions. Mr. Kinerson has held most of the town offices, including that of lister, school director, selectman for five years, and is the present representative of Peacham. He is a member of the Congregational church, and a loyal, active, and influential citizen. Russell B. and Lucy Kinerson have had four children: Mary E., Annie B. (deceased), Ellen L., Philip B.

ESDEN, GEORGE W., son of Robert and Eliza (Wright) Esden, was born in Ryegate, August 27, 1874. The Esdens are of the canny Scotch stock. James Esden, the first American ancestor, came from Glasgow and settled on a farm in Ryegate, near Groton, which has many years remained in the family name.

Robert Esden is an energetic and successful farmer, who resides near East Peacham, on the home farm of the famous radical statesman, Thad Stevens.

The Wrights are of stanch patriotic native stock. David Wright, father of Mrs. Esden, and three of her brothers, fought in the Civil war. George W. is the youngest son of a family of two sons and three daughters. They are Carrie, Mrs. W. A. Ricker; Mattie, Mrs. E. W. Taft (deceased); Clarence R., George W. and Isabel G., wife of J. K. Williams of St. Paul. George W. Esden was educated at Peacham academy, and remained on the home farm during his minority. After working out two years he bought the East Peacham store in 1889, which he has since successfully conducted. It comprises the usual lines of the general country store, a

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varied, well-selected stock of staple goods, the more prominent features being dry goods, groceries, canned goods, boots and shoes. A capable, practical young man, well known and highly esteemed by a wide range of customers, he secures a good trade.

He was appointed postmaster of East Peacham May 1, 1900, and the store is the social center and news exchange of the village. Mr. Esden married in 1896 Alzina, daughter of J. P. Waterman of Thetford.

RICHTER, JOHN C. F., is the son of Frederick W. Richter, formerly a merchant in the town of Ortrand, in the kingdom of Saxony. He was born in 1862, attended the parish schools of his native town, and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed for a term of four years to learn the mercantile business. Meanwhile, he pursued a commercial course of study, a prerequisite for the position of mercantile clerk. This thorough elementary and technical training is a special characteristic of the middle class North German immigrant. At the age of twenty-one, young Richter bade farewell to friends and fatherland, took a steerage passage and arrived at Castle Garden in June, 1883, a stranger in a strange land.

The second day after his arrival he met an agent, and engaged as a workman in the lumber mill at Groton, Vermont. After working a few days his hand was smashed in a planer, and amputation became necessary. Friendless and penniless, without a word of English on his tongue, the outlook was not hopeful, but he found friends, learned to speak English, and in six weeks was again working his planer with one hand, and remained there two years or more. At length the opportunity came to turn his mercantile training to account, and in 1886 he came to Peacham, and engaged with the well-known merchant, I. L. McClary, and served faithfully as clerk seven years. Then Mr. Richter returned to his German home on a visit.

In 1893 he purchased Mr. McClary's stock of goods, and now conducts a lively trade in the lines of dry goods, clothing, and furnishing goods, toilet articles, boots and shoes, wall paper, paints and oils, groceries, hardware, crockery, and patent medicines, carrying the most extensive and varied stock of goods in town.

JOHN C. F. RICHTER.

Mr. Richter now occupies spacious quarters adjoining the Post-office

block, which he has remodeled and enlarged. He is a prompt and reliable business man, and has a good social and financial standing. He has been a naturalized citizen more than a dozen years, and is the local agent for the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company.

HUTCHINSON, CHARLES ASHLEY, son of Samuel Hutchinson of Norwich, Vermont, was born in that

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town in 1858, in the old family homestead. He completed his education at the Normal Classical and English school under C. E. Putney.

At twenty-three years of age, Mr. Hutchinson came to Peacham, purchased the Gates farm near East Peacham, and two years later married Irene, daughter of Sprague and Lucia Harriman.

He was one of the first in town to adopt the silo, was a director four years in the Barnet creamery, and is a charter member, stockholder, and director of the South Peacham creamery.

Mr. Hutchinson sold the farm in 1898, and the same year bought the South Peacham store, which he has since conducted. His stock is well adapted to the needs of this farming community, and as Mr. Hutchinson is a most genial and accommodating salesman, he secures a liberal and increasing patronage.

He is a stalwart Republican in politics, and for more than twenty-five years a member of the Congregational church, and its treasurer. He has frequently been intrusted with official duties, was chairman of the school board three years, chairman of the board of listers three years, and many years town auditor, positions which he creditably filled. He is now postmaster at South Peacham, and is one of its most useful and active citizens.

TRUSSELL, JACOB. There is a dash of the fighting, praying blood of the old English Puritan in the veins of Jacob Trussell. He is a descendant of Sir William Trussell, speaker of the house of commons, whose stern aspect quailed King Charles I. His grandfather was Jacob Trussell, an early pioneer of Danville. His father, Joshua Trussell, a hatter by trade, resided in Sutton when the subject of this sketch was born in 1833. He lived with an uncle until he was sixteen years old, and then struck out for himself. He worked on farms during the summer seasons and completed his education at Phillips academy at Danville and Peacham academy. During more than a doz-

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en years he enjoyed the excellent training and experience of teaching district and village schools. Meanwhile he studied law with Mordecai Hale and Ed. Harvey, was admitted to the bar in 1860 and commenced practice in Peacham. His chosen life-work was soon interrupted by the call of duty and he enlisted in Company D, First Vermont cavalry, Captain A. W. Preston, was elected orderly sergeant and mustered in in November, 1861. These rough-riding Green Mountain boys, mounted on gamey Morgans, inscribed upon their banners seventy-two battles and engagements. Lieutenant Trussell was the fortunate possessor of a strong, speedy bay that after the disastrous fight at Broad Run ran eight miles to the Union lines with his master, who barely escaped capture by Moseby's troop.

At Cedar Creek, Lieutenant Trussell, commanding Company D, riding in advance of his troop, halted and captured a Confederate battery. The records show that the First Vermont cavalry that day captured twenty-three pieces of artillery and other munitions of war. After the close of the war Mr. Trussell made an expedition to Virginia City, Montana, driving 1,500 miles across the plains. At Sioux City he took charge of a gang of men who were completing the railroad to Omaha. He then engaged as contractor on the Union Pacific railroad until it was completed to Ogden, Utah, when he returned to Peacham and engaged in farming fourteen years. Occasionally he acted as counsel and transacted legal business for several years at Danville. For several years he was engaged in trade with his oldest son at South Peacham.

Mr. Trussell was united in wedlock in 1881 to Flora M. Blanchard of Peacham, who died in 1886, leaving two sons, Nathaniel B. and William. He married for his second wife Mrs. Marietta C. Walbridge. Mr. Trussell represented Peacham as a representative in 1884. He is a member of Passumpsic lodge, F. & A. M., of St. Johnsbury, of Stevens post, G. A. R. and is a good type of the staunch and resolute veteran.

STANNARD.

Population, Census of 1900, 222.

The town of Stannard was granted, August 19, 1867, and was named in honor of General Stannard, one of Vermont's general officers in the Civil war. Prior to 1867 the town had been known as Goshen Gore, deriving its name from the town to which it formerly belonged. By a peculiar act of the state legislature, this Gore, together with one set off in Washington county and another in Addison county, seventy miles distant, were incorporated into a town by the name of Goshen, chartered February 1, 1792, and rechartered November 1, 1798. The Gore, now the town of Stannard, was set off from the town of Goshen in 1854.

Elihu Sabin built the first log cabin here in 1802, and remained seven years. His daughter Mary, was the first white child born in the town.

WEED, ALBION L., a son of Ephraim G. and Roxana (Hood) Weed, was born at Goshen Gore (now Stannard), July 5, 1848.

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Mr. Weed's paternal great-grandfather, Charles Weed, was a soldier of the Revolution and was with Warren at the battle of Bunker Hill. Isaac Weed, son of Charles, settled at Topsham, where he resided until his death, with the exception of a short time that he resided at Stannard; his son, Ephraim, was born at Topsham in 1822 and located at Goshen Gore in 1843. Here he always followed farming and selling farming tools. He married Roxana Hood, a daughter of William Hood of Topsham. Three children were born to them: Edson, Albion L., and Louisa W. (Mrs. Martin Ayer of Stannard).

Albion L. Weed attended the public schools of his native town and has followed thorough and modern farming on the place where he was born. The farm is composed of 150 acres and keeps twenty-five head of stock.

ALBION L. WEED.

In 1870 he was united in marriage to Mary E. Porter of Wheelock, a daughter of James and Orphia (Hill) Porter, and a maternal granddaughter of Dr. Hill of

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Danville. To Mr. and Mrs. Weed one child was born, Clyde S., born November, 1889, died February 7, 1896.

Mr. Weed has always been active and public spirited, and has served Stannard as auditor, lister, overseer for quarter of a century, selectman, and in 1878 represented the town in the state legislature.

When the need of a church building at Stannard was felt, Mr. Weed promptly gave the Methodist society the site, and not only was the committee for its erection, but contributed liberally to the expense of the splendid and cosy house of worship. Mr. and Mrs. Weed are both active and working members of the Methodist church.

BATTEN, ALLEN S., a son of James and Susan (Hood) Batten, was born at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1844, and attended the schools of Boston, Topsham, and Stannard. When six years of age he came from Boston to Topsham with his parents and six years later they located in Stannard. In 1863 Mr. Batten enlisted in Company C, Third Vermont volunteer infantry, and served to the end of the war, being discharged as corporal of his company, May 5, 1864. At the battle of the Wilderness he received a wound on the head, and was sent to the Carver hospital at Washington, and later transferred to the Chester hospital at Chester, Pennsylvania, and then to the hospital at Montpelier. The following September he returned to his company and was mustered out with the regiment in July, 1865.

In November, 1865, he married Fanny W. Sawyer of Topsham. They have had seven children, four of whom survive: Cora, Mrs. Everett Guptill of Manchester, New Hampshire; Ernest V., of Corinth; Abbie E., Mrs. Charles Sternburg of Hardwick, and Daisy D., Mrs. George Emery of Manchester, New Hampshire.

Mr. Batten has served Stannard as auditor, lister, clerk, treasurer, school director, and in 1902 as representative, and justice of the peace for the past six years.

ALLEN S. BATTEN.

PATCH FAMILY, THE. Thomas Patch, an early New England pioneer, had the distinction of cutting the first tree in the town of Warren, New Hampshire. He came from Hollis and cleared the land for a homestead. Here he raised a considerable family, one of whom was Jacob, an industrious and wide-awake farmer, who possessed both a sturdy body, an active brain, and sound judgment. He held the va-

rious town offices, represented Warren in the New Hampshire legislature, and in 1840 located in Stannard.

Elwin Hayden Patch, son of Jacob, was born October 3, 1828, and came with his parents to Stannard in 1840. He has always followed farming. He inherited much of the sturdy makeup of his ancestors, and has been a man of acts rather than words. He has held various town offices and was postmaster six years.

March 3, 1860, he married Mary E. Bradbury, of East Orange, Vermont. Four children were born to them, three of whom are still living: Rosa L., Mrs. Leon Amesdon of Walden; Nettie S., Mrs. John B.

ELWIN H. PATCH.

Lumsden of Stannard, and Laban J. Mrs. Patch died June 9, 1895.

Laban J. Patch was born in 1871, and received his education in the public schools, at Craftsbury academy, and Lyndon institute. He has always followed farming.

January 26, 1898, Mr. Patch was

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united in marriage to Mary E. Johnson of Abercorn, Province of Quebec. They have two children, Oscar J. and Elva M.

Mr. Patch has served Stannard as school director five years, and auditor for three years, and is an active member of the Modern Woodmen.

JAMIESON, WILLIAM S., a son of William and Sarah (Cross) Jamieson, was born at Stewartstown, New Hampshire, April 6, 1842. When but a few months old his parents moved to Inverness, Province of Quebec, where he remained until 1861, when he located in Barton, remaining only a few months, and then removed to Glover, where he resided until

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1871, then locating at Hardwick for six years, and in 1877 finally coming to Stannard, where he has since lived.

February 7, 1864, he married Isabelle McDowell of Sheffield. Seven children, five boys and two girls, splendid intellects, and a high sense of honor have made this family of children a pride of not only their parents but of the community in general.

Charles C. was born at Glover, November 3, 1866, entered West

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have truly blessed this happy union. All are living. They are: Albert E., Charles C., E. Roy, Natt F., G. Arthur, Kitty M., and Louie B.

Few better examples of the ideal American family are to be found in northern Vermont that the Jamieson family. Sturdy physiques,

Point in 1888, and graduated with his class. He joined the Fifteenth infantry as second lieutenant, at Fort Sheridan after passing a competitive examination. In 1894 he was promoted to first lieutenant of ordnance and detailed to the Sandy Hook proving grounds during the

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Spanish-American war. February, 1900, he was promoted to a captaincy and the following September was detailed as assistant instructor of ordnance and gunnery at West Point. Captain Jamieson is now stationed at Rock Island arsenal. He is an officer of recognized ability and one possessing the natural ability, character, energy, and worth to win a place upon his nation's roll of honor.

Natt F. Jamieson was born at Stannard, March 13, 1879, attended the district schools here and graduated from the State Normal school at Johnson. In October, 1898, he enlisted in Captain Dodd's famous cavalry, Troop F, and saw active service at Montauk Point, and was discharged at Fort Ethan Allen, March, 1899. He re-enlisted the following July at Springfield, Massachusetts, in Company L, Twenty-sixth infantry, was at once promoted to corporal, and with his organization saw service in the Philippine islands. Here he was promoted to be sergeant, and for seven months was in command of a squad of mounted scouts and participated in five general engagements. He was mustered out in California, May 13, 1901. The following August he again donned the livery of his country and joined the First Corps of Engineers and was stationed at West Point. He had long been amassing a splendid knowledge, both technical and practical, of military affairs, and while at West Point naturally received much valuable aid from his brother, Captain Charles C. Jamieson, and soon received a commission as second lieutenant of heavy artillery, dating back to his splendid and patriotic service in the Philippines. Lieutenant Jamieson is now in command of Fort Point Bonita, California.

HUTCHINS, MERTON L., a son of Amasa and Margaret N. (Willard) (see Paul Willard of Sheffield) Hutchins, was born at Barton, June 13, 1865, received his education in the schools of Stannard and Greensboro, and at Lyndon institute, and taught in the public schools for a

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period of seventeen terms in the towns of Burke, Walden, Stannard, Greensboro, and Sheffield. In 1890 Mr. Hutchins married Mary J., daughter of Henry C. and Mary (McDowell) Stevens. Three children have been born to them: Lyle S., Marion-Marjory Marguerite, Doris Margaret. Mr. Hutchins has served his town as town clerk and treasurer five years, school director three years, superintendent of

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schools three years, town auditor four years.

Amasa Hutchins, father of Merton L., was born at Lyndon in 1830, a son of Seryl and Charlotte (Fisher) Hutchins. He married Margaret N. Willard. Six children blessed their union: Harley L., Merton L., George A., Jason D., Herbert O., Mary J., (Mrs. George Davis of Greensboro Bend). All the boys were educated at Lyndon institute, Mary J. at Hardwick academy. George A. graduated from Bates college, taught school several years at Amesbury, Massachusetts, and is now vice-principal of the Melrose, Massachusetts, high school. Herbert O. completed a course in dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania in 1900, and is now a dentist at Windsor, Vermont.

WALDEN.

Population, Census of 1900, 764.

The town of Walden was granted November 6, 1780, and chartered August 18, 1781, by the Vermont legislature.

It has long been an accepted fact that the first white inhabitants consisted of a small garrison under the command of Major Walden, who was left in charge of a block-house by General Hazen, in 1779. Ten years later Nathaniel Perkins, a soldier of the Revolution, began a clearing and became the first actual settler of the town. Perkins occupied for a time the old block-house, and here in November, 1790, Jesse, his son, was born, being the first birth in the town. In this old block-house was preached the first sermon and the first school was taught.

Walden was organized March 24, 1794, and Nathaniel Perkins was chosen first town clerk. The following year he was chosen as the first representative of the town in the legislature.

Among the early settlers we might mention the following with the dates of their settlement: John Perkins, 1803; Joseph Perkins, 1805; Timothy Edwards, 1796; Nathaniel, Ira and Jonathan Dow, 1797; Edward Gould, 1800; Ebenezer Stevens, 1796; Captain James Bell (grandfather of Hon. Charles J. Bell), 1804, represented the town in 1815, 1818 and was a member for the next ten years in succession; Hanson Rogers about 1800.

BELL, Charles J. (Walden, Vermont). Years ago an artisan, John Austin by name, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, invented the tulip shaped bell now in common use. The invention brought him into royal favor and he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth and assumed the name of Bell. His descendants, several of them, came to America, and one, James, settled in Lyme, New Hampshire. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch moved to Walden in 1804. He was a lawyer of ability and eloquent in debate. His son, the Hon. James D. Bell, was born on the Walden farm and was a very prominent man in public affairs in his town, county and state, living all his days, and dying on the old homestead, where Charles J. was born in 1845, and where he has always made his home. He is truly a self-made man; his educational opportunities were limited; aside from the advantages of the common schools of his native town, five weeks at the old Calede-

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nia County Grammar school at Peacham completed his schooling but not his education, for he has always been a student.

listed in Company B, fifteenth Vermont volunteers, afterwards reënlisting in Company C, first Vermont cavalry, and serving with fidelity

CHARLES J. BELL.

C. J. Bell is a genuine Vermonter, in sympathy with the people and the industries of his native state. At the age of seventeen years he en-

until his discharge, being wounded near the close of the war. He has held many public positions in his native town. In 1882 he repre-

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sented it in the legislature. In 1894 he was elected one of the Caledonia county senators. He was appointed by Governor Woodbury a member of the board of railroad commissioners. He is a trustee of the Peacham academy and has been director and vice-president of the State Agricultural society. In 1896 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and in 1898 became secretary of the board, which position he still retains. As a member of the State Cattle commission his arduous labors to wipe out tuberculosis have resulted in great permanent benefit to the state. Mr. Bell has always been prominently connected with the grange, local, state and national, having been treasurer of the state grange from 1872 until he was elected master of the same in 1894, which position he now holds. He has also served as a member of the executive committee of the national grange. June 30, 1904, he received the Republican nomination for governor of Vermont.

Mr. Bell has largely increased the area and productiveness of the original homestead; built, repaired, and rearranged the farm buildings, established a reputation for fine farm products, especially in the dairy line and for maple sugar.

In 1870 Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Mary Louise Perry of Cabot. The fruits of this union are two accomplished, practical daughters, Adine Merrill and Jennie, who, together with Mr. and Mrs. Bell, make the old Bell homestead, "The Belfrey," one of the most cheerful and hospitable Vermont farm homes.

KITTREDGE, CHARLES ALANSON, a son of Benjamin F. and Sophia B. Kittredge, was born in Walden, Caledonia county, Vermont, on March 25, 1837. His boyhood was spent upon a farm. The meagre education that he obtained was acquired in the common district schools of his native town; and to

CHARLES A. KITTREDGE.

secure even the rudimentary training which they afforded, he was obliged to endure many hardships and deprivations—doing all sorts of "chores" during mornings and evenings—even chopping wood by moonlight—to pay for his board and lodging.

On January 1, 1860, at the age of twenty-three, he married Miss Clarissa L. Capron. Three sons and

two daughters were born to them, as follows: Fred Gilbert, Bertha Estella, Orrin Elmer, Vira Francelia, and Herman Eugene.

At the beginning of the Civil war he voluntarily enlisted as a private in Company D, Fourth regiment, Vermont volunteer infantry. After the expiration of two years' service, having been honorably discharged, he reënlisted, as a veteran, in the Third Vermont battery, light artillery, in which he served with credit to himself and his state until Lee's surrender at Appomattox, April 9, 1865. To Mr. Kittredge fell the honor of assisting in firing the shot which was the signal for the memorable assault on Petersburg at daybreak three days before —the second "shot heard round the world." Referring to Mr. Kittredge's military record, his former commanding officer, Captain R. H. Start, once wrote: "This soldier always performed his duty in a gentlemanly and soldier-like manner. He never shrank from duty or danger." But nature charges heavily for such words as these—even though they be earned in the sacred cause of human liberty; and so he returned to his home physically a wreck of his former self.

Being unfit for manual labor, he turned his attention in 1880 to the prosecution of pension claims, which vocation he has since followed with almost unprecedented success. No other man in Vermont has by skill and energy brought food and raiment to more dependent widows and children than has Mr. Kittredge. He is still in active practice before the pension bureau. Mr. Kittredge has served for fourteen years as a justice of the peace, and his judgment is highly esteemed and much sought in all legal matters.

ROGERS, John B., a son of Hanson and Marinda (Noyes) Rogers, was born in Walden in 1838, a paternal grandson of Hanson Rogers, Sr., one of the first settlers of the town, and an early hotel keeper, who married Hannah, daughter of Benjamin Webster, a cousin of Daniel Webster.

John B. Rogers received his education in Walden, Cabot, and Glover. He entered the service of the United States in August, 1862, as second lieutenant of Company B, Fifteenth Vermont Volunteer infantry (Colonel Redfield Proctor's regiment), and was mustered out August, 1862. With the exception of two years spent at Lisbon, New Hampshire, he has been continuously in trade at Walden since the war.

He has held the various town offices, been postmaster twenty years, and in 1886 represented Walden in the legislature.

Mr. Rogers married in 1866 Julia D. Hill of Hardwick, and four children have been born to them: Harry, Fred, Jack, and Lillian H.

GROTON.

Population, Census of 1900, 1,050.

The history of Groton is but the history of hundreds of New England towns settled by honest, hardy men and women, and peopled by their descendants.

The town received the name of Groton through the influence of its settlers who were born in Groton, Massachusetts. It was an appro-

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priate recognition by those sterling old pioneers, who amid all the stirring activity of those early days forgot not the old birth town, but hallowed its memory by giving its name to their new settlement in the wilderness, early after the arrival of Foxwell Whitcher, Captain Ephraim Gary, and Captain William Frost, who came from Sanford, Maine, and all of whom married sisters of John Hill. He cleared a fine farm, and was an indefatigable worker. He had the first painted house in town, the first wheeled carriage, and the first shop of goods for sale. He reared a family of eight children, and died in 1840.

Captain Ephraim Wesson came to Groton from Haverhill, New Hampshire, soon after the arrival of Captain Morse and his associates. While in Haverhill, he was appointed to many offices of honor and trust, as "committee of safety," special delegate to congress to procure arms and munitions. He finally settled on the border lot in Peacham. He died in 1814 at the advanced age of 93, and was buried in the old burying ground near his home.

The next settlers who came to Groton after Captain Morse and his associates, Abbott and James, were John Darling and his sons, Robert, Samuel, and Moses, who came from Plaistow, New Hampshire, Jesse Heath, a revolutionary soldier, Dominicus Gray, James Hooper, Edmund Welch and his brother, Jonathan.

Captain Ephraim Gary, second military captain, Captain William Frost, Foxwell Whitcher, a man of wonderful physical strength and unusual intellectual ability, followed soon.

Groton was chartered by Governor Chittenden October 20, 1789, to Thomas Butterfield and sixty-one others.

The first permanent settler of Groton was Captain Edmund Morse, who came to Groton in 1783 or '84, and settled in the northern part of the town. He married Sally, daughter of Captain Ephraim Wesson of Haverhill, New Hampshire. Captain Morse built the first saw and grist-mill in town, on North branch, a tributary of Wells river. He also built the first frame house in town. Soon afterwards he was joined by Israel Bailey, Deacon James Abbott and Jonathan James, all of whom settled in the northeast corner of the town.

Captain Morse was the first blacksmith, and also the first military captain, commanding as lieutenant and captain 10 years; Groton and Newbury then composing one military company.

There were no mills for grinding grain nearer than Newbury, a distance of 10 miles or more, and the settlers were obliged to carry their grain on their backs, their path being marked by spotted trees. While so engaged one of the settlers met a resident of an adjoining town with his plough irons on his back, who inquired for the direction of the residence of Captain Edmund Morse, the blacksmith, and was answered: "If it is Captain Morse's blacksmith shop you want, you are in his shop now, but his anvil is ten miles from here." The fact was that his "anvil" was on a stump and the only covering for his "black-

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smith tools" was the "blue canopy above."

Jonathan Macomber, the first representative, resided on the Morse farm. Macomber was of Irish descent, of fine personal appearance and engaging manners, intelligent and capable. He represented the town in 1803. There were two elements of the population, viz.: the Massachusetts and New Hampshire men and the Kennebunkers from Maine, but there was no sectional antagonism at this time.

The town was organized March 28, 1797, with the following officers: Samuel Bacon, moderator; Samuel Bacon, Nathaniel Knight, and James Abbott, selectmen; Nathaniel Knight, clerk; Jonathan James, treasurer.

HALL, HON. THOMAS B. The Hall family has been and is a notable factor in the development of Groton.

Hon. Isaac N. Hall, late of Groton, son of Henry and Susan (Burnham) Hall, was born in Rumney, New Hampshire, in 1808. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to his uncle, Moses Burnham, with whom he came to Groton in 1826.

In 1829 he married Elizabeth, daughter of William Taisey. Nine children were born to them, one of whom is Judge Thomas B. Hall. He held the various town offices, represented the town four terms, was assistant judge three years, a county senator 1848, 1860-'61, a delegate to the constitutional convention in 1850, a director of the bank of Newbury, president of the Montpelier and Wells River railroad from 1873 to 1877.

Thomas B. Hall was born in 1834, and commenced a mercantile career in 1855 as a clerk. In 1858 he commenced the purchase of wool, which proved profitable. He has been an extensive buyer of live stock, and in 1882 entered the lumber business.

In 1882 the mercantile firm of Hall & Cochrane was formed and an extensive trade has been developed.

Hon. Thomas Bartlett Hall married Elizabeth M., daughter of

THOMAS B. HALL.

George Donaldson of Ryegate. They have two children living: Isaac Newton, and Elizabeth M.

Judge Hall has not only been a prime factor in the business of Groton but has most acceptably filled many positions of trust. He served Groton as lister, overseer, and selectman. He represented Groton in 1874, again in 1886, and was an associate judge of the Cale-

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donia county court from 1890 to '94. In 1898 he was elected to the senate.

COCHRANE, ALEXANDER, merchant, politician, capitalist, is a namesake and grandson of Alexander Cochrane, one of the pioneers of Ryegate. The latter came from Scotland near the beginning of the century, married Ann Nelson, a woman of remarkable ability and character, and settled on the home farm in Ryegate, now owned by George Cochrane. He died at the early age of thirty-nine, but his wife continued to carry on the farm, and brought up the family of three children. Robert Cochrane, the only son, married Jean, daughter of Archibald Park; was a substantial farmer and citizen, and they reared a family of eight children, four of whom are living. Alexander was born in 1835, received a good common school education, and later attended Newbury seminary.

After several years' experience in dealing in farm stock and produce, he invested his large courage and small capital in general merchandise at Ryegate Corner, and continued successfully in trade there about twenty-five years, during which he was town clerk, justice of the peace, and postmaster twenty-three consecutive years. A statement from Mr. Cochrane of the prices then prevalent, from 1865 to 1868, may be of interest to our younger readers. Granulated sugar 27 cents per pound, nails 10 cents, best tea $2.25, Jap tea $1.75 to $2.00, salt pork 25 cents, wool 90 cents to $1.00, butter 35 cents to 50 cents, maple sugar 20 cents, beef 8 cents to 12 cents, morphine $2.25 per bottle, prints 25 cents to 35 cents per yard, cotton cloth 50 cents to 60 cents, West India molasses $1.00 to $1.12, rock salt $1.00 per bushel.

Mr. Cochrane became a partner in business with his brother-in-law, Hon. T. B. Hall of Groton, in 1882, and seven years later moved to Groton, where he has since been a leading factor in business. He furnished money and supplies for the Blue Mountain Granite company of Ryegate until, by their failure in 1892, he was compelled to assume the ownership of this property. In 1877 he was elected a director of the National Bank of Newbury, of which he is now vice-president. He is also a trustee of the Capital Savings bank of Montpelier, and a director of the Merchants' National bank of St. Johnsbury, and a director of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad.

Mr. Cochrane is eminently a man of affairs, possessing clear insight, sound judgment, and remarkable capacity for details.

Hall & Cochrane conduct a very extensive and varied business, and are practically treasurers for a granite business of no mean proportions, manage a lumber business, and buy everything from their customers, the farmers' produce, from a hen's egg to a yoke of oxen or a winter's run of timber. They own about 2,000 acres of wild land, mostly in Peacham.

Alexander Cochrane married Theresa, daughter of Judge I. N. Hall of Groton, in 1866. They have had four children: Robert Newton, deceased in infancy; Josephine E., Mrs. D. F. Clark, Montpelier; Gertrude, Mrs. Howard Fletcher, Boston, and Theresa Jean. Mrs. Theresa J. Cochrane is a lady of unusual

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social and mental gifts and was alternate lady manager at the World's Columbian exposition, and acted as lady manager in the absence of the principal. The Cochranes are members of the Methodist church of Groton.

Mr. Cochrane is a gold money Democrat, was for several years a member of the state committee for Caledonia county, and was also a senatorial candidate of his party and nominee for state treasurer. He was a delegate to the Democratic national convention at St. Louis in 1888, and representative from Groton in 1896. He possesses good executive ability, an eminently practical turn of mind, and is a successful financier.

PAGE, FRANK M., son of Benjamin and Betsey (Frost) Page, and a paternal grandson of John Page, who located in Groton about 1811, was born at Topsham in 1845, attended Barre academy three years, and graduated. He helped pay his educational expenses by teaching, and thus obtained a knowledge of the needs of the schools and an interest in their welfare that has been useful in later life. Mr. Page read law in the office of J. O. Livingstone of Montpelier, in 1873, was admitted to the bar, and soon settled in Groton.

In 1876 he represented Groton in the general assembly, and has served the town as superintendent of schools, lister, school director, town agent, and in 1898 was elected town clerk, which office he still acceptably fills.

In 1876 Mr. Page married Laura, daughter of Rev. Thomas Wrinkle. Three children were born to them. In 1884 Mrs. Page died, and the following year he took for his second wife, Rosalia, a sister to his first wife. By this union one son has been born. The Pages are members of the Baptist church, and are regarded among the leading families of the town, taking a keen interest in all matters that will in any way aid or further the interest of the

FRANK M. PAGE.

community to which they have become so closely allied.

GILMAN, H. L., was born at Marshfield in 1847, attended the public schools and Phillips and Barre academies. At twenty-one he engaged in the lumbering business for three years, and then took up railroading, which he followed for eight years. In 1887 he again engaged in the lumber business, but a year later he sold out to the Weston Lumber company of Boston, he remaining as manager of the mill until 1891. In September, 1882, he

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bought the Groton grist-mill of A. L. Clark. He thoroughly repaired the old mill, put in three modern water-wheels which doubled its ca-

H. L. Gilman.

pacity, removed the wheat run and bolts but continued to use the corn run until 1899, when he replaced it by a modern steel grinder. The capacity of the mill is 500 bushels per day.

H. L. Gilman married Abbie, daughter of Isaac Richardson of Bethlehem, New Hampshire, in 1880, a lady of rare worth, sound judgment, and unusual business capacity, and they have one son, Harold W., fifteen years of age. (Born 1889.)

Mr. Gilman is a Universalist in religious belief and a Democrat in politics.

WELCH, Cyrus H., son of John H. Welch, was reared on a farm, for a time taught school, sold tinware and notions, and later entered the tin and harness business; this was nearly a quarter of a century ago. In 1899 he formed a partnership with Loren G. Welch and opened a general tin, stove, and hardware store in Coffrin block. All kinds of plumbing, heating, tin, sheet iron, and copper work are made special features. The great experience of Mr. Welch in his chosen lines, combined with his select stock and absolute business integrity, have won for him a marked degree of public confidence and a splendid patronage.

Cyrus H. Welch.

August 4, 1879, Mr. Welch was united in marriage to Helen T., daughter of Silas B. Morrison of Groton. She was educated at Groton, Newbury, and Peacham. Mr. Welch has served Groton as constable and tax collector for four years.

BAILEY, Charles J., son of Charles R. and Myrilla J. (McClure) Bailey, was born at Ryegate, July 20, 1867. He is a descendant of the noted Bailey family of Newbury, of

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which General Bailey was the pioneer. He attended the public schools of South Ryegate, and at the age of fourteen entered the employ of George L. Hall, remaining four years.

After spending a year of apprenticeship at the South Ryegate station, with P. J. Baird, Charles, at the age of twenty, was appointed telegraph operator at Warren, New Hampshire, where he remained nearly two years. In April, 1889, he became station agent at South Ryegate and occupied this position until 1893.

Mr. Bailey was married to Miss Eva Adams of Chelsea, Massachusetts, July 27, 1892. The following February he was appointed agent of the Montpelier & Wells River station at Barre, and filled this responsible position most acceptably until October, 1894, at which time, by reason of an accident, he was nearly deprived of his eyesight, and was unable to resume his duties until January, 1895, when he took possession of the station at Groton.

CHARLES J. BAILEY.

In politics he is a Democrat. He has held several town offices, having been tax collector for two years, and also town auditor, and in 1902 represented the town in the legislature.

HOUGH, REV. ALFRED J., was born September 23, 1848, at Christchurch, Hampshire, England.

For thirty years Mr. Hough has been a successful member of the Vermont conference and has served the following charges: Hartland, Woodstock, White River Junction, three separate times, Brattleboro, Bradford, Montpelier, and is now serving his third year at Groton.

Mr. Hough has served Groton as superintendent of schools and has, during his residence in the state, endeared himself to a large circle of friends outside as well as within the church. For many years he has been recognized as a writer of ability.

He has lectured all over Vermont and New Hampshire and the scholarly and thorough preparation for this peculiar field of usefulness has in past years made him one of the popular platform speakers of the state.

January 22, 1873, Mr. Hough was united in marriage to Celia Elizabeth Harrington, a lady of refinement and great worth. Mrs. Hough is a descendant from Lemuel Jenkins who, according to the Rowell Genealogy, with his father

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and five brothers, lay in the trenches with Warren at Bunker Hill (see Jenkins family, Kirby).

Mr. and Mrs. Hough have been blessed by the birth of four children: Mary F., George H., Howard R., and Arthur H., the last three being in business at White River Junction, Vermont.

Rev. Alfred J. Hough.

CLOUGH, Rev. George Wesley, son of Morris and Martha (Foss) Clough, was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1849. His father died when he was three years of age, and in early boyhood he was bound out on a New Hampshire farm where he received only the usual advantages of the common schools. At fifteen years of age he went to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he was converted and joined the Second Baptist church.

At the age of eighteen he went to Madison, now Colgate university, Hamilton, New York, where he completed his theological studies in 1869. During the ensuing ten

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years he pursued his trade as painter and paper hanger.

During the latter part of that time he was intimately connected with the Y. M. C. A. work, assisting in holding meetings in school houses and the public parks, and during the last two years he preached every fourth Sabbath, alternating with the different clergymen in sustaining a mission, and also preached occasionally during the remaining Sundays without compensation to a colored congregation. In the summer of '79 he supplied at Newton Junction, New Hampshire, then the youngest parish in the state, was ordained the following December, and remained three years. He then was called to the Bakers River Baptist church of Rumney, New Hampshire.

Rev. George W. Clough.

His subsequent fields of labor were at Groton, two years; North Troy, two years; West Plattsburg, New York, three years, where he baptized forty-two persons; Andover, Massachusetts, two years, and Mount Holly, six years. He was unanimously recalled to Groton, May 1, 1889, where he has labored zealously and successfully.

He married Miss Mary E. Kempton of Lawrence, in 1871, and they have two sons and two daughters, Ida E., Ervin W. and Eva A., twins, and Arthur W. Mrs. Clough died Aug. 10, 1903.

Rev. Mr. Clough is superintendent of the public schools of Groton.

DARLING, Hon. Jonathan R. The name of Darling has been a familiar and honored one in the annals of Groton during three generations.

John Darling, the first progenitor in this town, was one of its earliest settlers.

In his youth a great reader, he was remarkably well versed in history, both ancient and modern. He was a prodigy of industry. After laboring all day faithfully on his father's farm, he would spend a portion of the night clearing land by contract for a neighbor. He was a citizen of incorruptible integrity. He was town clerk 15 years, was many years justice of the peace, selectman and represented Groton in 1836, '37, and '38.

J. R., son of John and Jeanette Brock Darling, was born in Groton in 1823, and received his education at Peacham and Danville acad-

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emies. Naturally active and energetic, through a long and honorable career he has strictly devoted himself to mercantile, agricultural, and

JONATHAN R. DARLING.

business pursuits and has yet found time to discharge many important public duties.

From 1847 to 1857 he was a member of the firm of Welch, Darling & Clark of Groton. Since that time he has been engaged in general trade, lumbering, and farming. He was in company with Isaac M. Ricker in the lumber business in this village for 18 years, but closed the partnership in 1885, Mr. Darling taking the lumber lots in the gore. In 1883 he entered into partnership with his sons under the firm name of J. R. Darling & Sons. Their business has been very extensive, and they have been large employers of labor.

An old time Whig until 1856, Mr. Darling joined the Republican party at this time, and is an ardent advocate of the protection of American labor and industries. He has held many offices of trust and responsibility, is a public-spirited citizen, and regarded as a wise counselor in business affairs. He was town clerk about 38 years, was representative in 1857 and '58, and state senator in '80 and '81. He was elected assistant judge of Caledonia county in 1869 and held the position three years.

Sarah M. (Taisey) Darling was born in Groton April 4, 1827, a daughter of John and Phoebe (Heath) Taisey. She was educated in the schools of her native town.

July 1, 1849, she was married to Judge Darling. Their union has been a particularly happy one. Possessed with a spirit of industry, economy, and pleasantry to a marked degree, she has ever watched over and cared for not only her im-

MRS. JONATHAN R. DARLING.

mediate family but all whose wants and cares have come to her attention. Unselfish, generous and quick to respond to the worthy needs of

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all, Mrs. Darling has won a lasting place in the hearts of those who have been fortunate in enjoying her acquaintance.

There have been born to Judge and Mrs. Darling eight children of whom six are still living. Cyrus T. Darling is business manager of the Davenport (Iowa) Democrat, one of the leading newspapers of the northwest. He married Lilla Ann Dixon; Evalona married Dr. S. N. Eastman; John T., married Maggie R. Ricker. J. T. Darling is manager in the store and has recently erected a beautiful home on Depot street; Robards N., who is foreman in the lumber business, married Viletta Paine; Elmer Ellsworth, foreman in the farming, married Minnie A. Heath; Walter Brock, a salesman on the road, married Luella Babcock.

Judge Darling carries his nearly fourscore years bravely, is still an active man and enjoys a good degree of mental and physical vigor, and the high esteem of a wide circle of relatives and friends. It will be remembered to the lasting credit of Judge Darling that he was the pioneer in building the first granite shed in Groton in 1896 and another shed in '98, thus starting and also financiering an industry on which the future of Groton so largely depends.

EASTMAN, Dr. Seth N., a native of Topsham, where his father, Bernard Eastman, came as a pioneer settler at the age of 19, was a longtime and respected citizen, and died in 1889 at the age of 81.

Seth N. Eastman was a student of Newbury seminary, but at the age of 17, enlisted, August, 1861, in Co. B, Sixth regiment, Vermont Volunteers, Colonel Nathan Lord.

He was badly wounded in the leg at Savage Station, June 29, 1862, laid all night beside the road, and the next day witnessed the advance of Lee's army along the turnpike, and a portion of the battle of Malvern Hill. He laid three days on the battle-field before he was picked up by the Confederates and sent to Richmond on a freight car. The wound was never dressed by a surgeon, and he still carries rebel lead in his leg. He was sent to Libby prison, and then to Belle Isle, where after three months he was paroled.

The provisions were barely sufficient to sustain life. In three months he was reduced from 150 pounds to a walking skeleton of 90 pounds of skin and bones. When paroled he was bare headed and bare foot and wore nothing but a tattered shirt and trousers. Fortunately, at Alexandria he met a squad of Topsham men, going to the front, who supplied him with clothing and perhaps saved his life. He rejoined his regiment at Hagerstown, Maryland, in September, 1862, and was exchanged six months later.

He was with the old Sixth during the last grand advance on Richmond, including the red deluge of Spottsylvania, Bloody Angle, and the Wilderness. At Spottsylvania his company came out of the battle with 13 muskets, Co. F with 4, and the regiment with 94.

In 1865 he commenced reading medicine with Dr. George K. Bayley and continued two years, after which he spent a year in the office of Dr. G. H. Plumley of Montpelier, graduating in January,

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1869. He attended the Eclectic Medical college of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia and Dartmouth Medical college in 1884. He located in

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Groton soon after and has remained in practice here ever since. Dr. Eastman is a member of the White Mountain Medical society and the United States examining board for pensions.

In 1875 Dr. Eastman was united in marriage to Evalona, daughter of Hon. Jonathan R. and Sarah M. (Taisey) Darling, a lady of refinement and rare worth. Two sons were born to them, Cyrus D., born October 2, 1877, and Bernard S., born June 20, 1880. Cyrus D. graduated from the Montpelier seminary in 1896 and manifested unusual taste and ability as a writer and a particularly bright career seemed to be open to him when tubercular consumption appeared and after a few months in sanatoriums in Colorado and New Mexico he succumbed February 2, 1900.

Bernard S. secured his education in the schools of Groton and at Montpelier seminary and is a clerk in Judge Darling's general store at Groton.

From the last illness of Cyrus D. Eastman his mother seemed to lose courage and strength and gradually the mother love yearning for the first born gave way and on June 16, 1903, she passed away, surrounded by loving and tender ones to join him who had so recently gone before. Mrs. Eastman was a particularly bright, kind, and lovable woman, who from inheritance, education, and envi-

MRS. SETH N. EASTMAN.

ronment had come to be recognized as a leading spirit in the community; for several years she was a devoted and capable teacher

in the schools of Groton and at the time of her death had been a consistent and working member of the Methodist church.

Dr. Eastman is a member of Colonel Preston post, No. 64, G. A. R., and was a member of Sherman lodge, No. 72, F. and A. M. of Topsham. He has been selectman, was nine years superintendent of schools and as a Democrat represented Groton in 1890 in the legislature.

HARDWICK.

Population, Census of 1900, 2,466.

The town of Hardwick is situated in the northwest corner of Caledonia county and borders on Orleans, Lamoille and Washington counties. It was a part of Orange county until November, 1792, when Caledonia county was organized. The town was granted November 7, 1780, and chartered August 19, 1781, to Danforth Keyes and his associates. It takes its name from Hardwick, Massachusetts, where several of the original proprietors and early settlers formerly resided.

The exact date of the first settlement is somewhat in doubt. The first persons to come into town with a view to settling were, doubtless, Peter Page and one Safford. It is supposed they came shortly after the town was chartered. Meeting with some discouragements, however, they abandoned the undertaking for a time, after having begun a clearing in the vicinity of the Hazen road just east of East Hardwick village. Mark Norris lays claim to being the first settler. He says in his diary: "I went from Dewey's gore, so called, and made a pitch in Hardwick on the 16th day of May in the year 1788, which was the first pitch that ever was made in the town." In this he seems to have been in error. It is certain, however, that Mr. Norris moved his family into town March 13, 1792, and their coming marked the beginning of the permanent settlement of the town. The centennial of this event was celebrated with appropriate exercises on the 4th of July, 1892.

During the same month that Mark Norris brought his family into town, Nathaniel Norris, a cousin, moved in and Peter Page returned to continue the work already begun by him and Safford. From this time the growth of the town was quite rapid and in 1800 there were 260 inhabitants. The first town meeting was held in 1795. Paul Spooner, son of Doctor Paul Spooner of Hartland, Vermont, who was lieutenant-governor from 1782 to 1786, and a judge of the supreme court of the state for nine years, beside holding other important positions under the Council of Safety and the early state government, was the first town clerk; and Ensign Elijah True, Nathaniel Norris, and Timothy Hastings were the first selectmen.

The Hazen road, a military road constructed during the Revolutionary war by General Moses Hazen, crossed the northeast part of the town, and determined the trend of settlement and of the early business of the town. Three early settlements did much to determine the future business centers of the town. In 1795, Captain John Bridgman of

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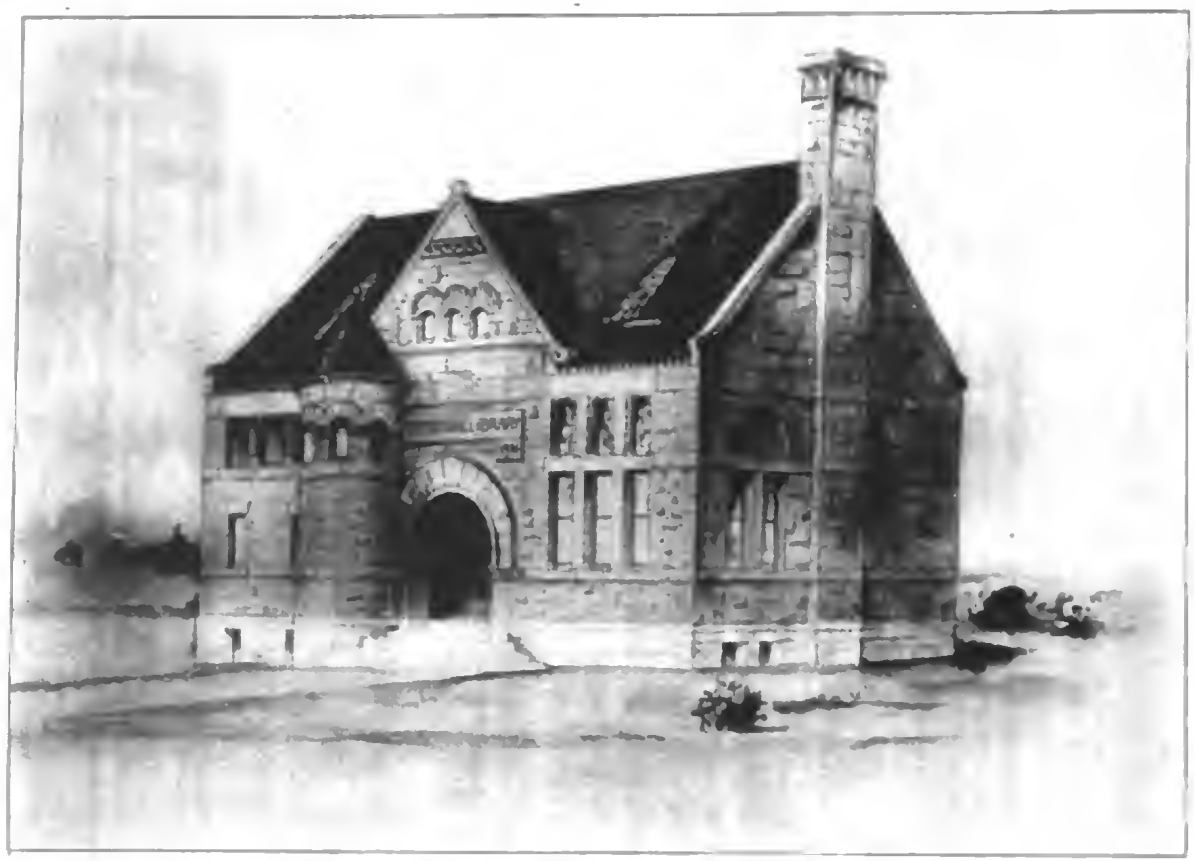

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Hanover, New Hampshire, made the first settlement in the south part of the town and was influential in establishing the village of Hardwick, successively known as Lamoille Village, Hardwick Hollow, South Hardwick, and latterly as Hardwick. Mills were built here quite early and several manufacturing enterprises soon sprang up. In 1796 Colonel Alpha Warner of Hardwick, Massachusetts, came to town and opened a house of entertainment on the Hazen road. Other business places, notably the store of Strong & Delano, sprang up near by and the "Street" or "Hazen's Road," became the chief business center of the town, a distinction which it held for a long time. In 1798 Samuel Stearns, a native of Newbury, Vermont, settled at East Hardwick and built a sawmill and later a gristmill, the first mills built in town. There sprang up in the vicinity of these mills a business center long known as Stearnsville and now the village of East Hardwick.

The year 1871 marked the advent of the railroad, the first train to reach Hardwick arriving November 24 of that year. Before that time traffic with the outside world was by teams running to Barton, St. Johnsbury, and principally Montpelier. The coming of the railroad opened up possibilities never dreamed of by the early inhabitant. With it came the opening of the granite business and Hardwick became the trading center for the surrounding towns.

The growth of the town up to 1894 or 1895 was gradual but constant. About that time the granite business took on a boom and has increased until (1904) Hardwick has become a leading manufacturing center, and Hardwick village a thriving and rapidly growing community. This village was incorporated in 1890 and organized January 24, 1891, with Dorman Bridgman as president and M. V. B. Hathaway as clerk. It owns a valuable electric light plant, which supplies light and power at reasonable rates, and an excellent water system.

The town has a fine free public library, the gift of Mrs. A. E. Judevine as a memorial to her husband and son; an excellent system of public schools with a first-class graded and high school in Hardwick village; six churches, four at Hardwick and two at East Hardwick; a fine town hall, suited to entertainment purposes; and it has, besides, varied manufacturing and business industries too numerous to mention.

This brief sketch would not be complete without mentioning the Hardwick and Woodbury railroad. No one thing has contributed more to the prosperity of Hardwick than the building of this railroad. It extends from Hardwick into the extensive granite quarries of Robinson mountain in Woodbury. The road was chartered in 1894 and the work of construction was commenced in the summer of 1895 and completed in November, 1896. The road has been built and equipped free of debt, an unprecedented record for a Vermont railroad. The success of the undertaking has been largely due to the untiring efforts of its superintendent, J. V. Dutton.

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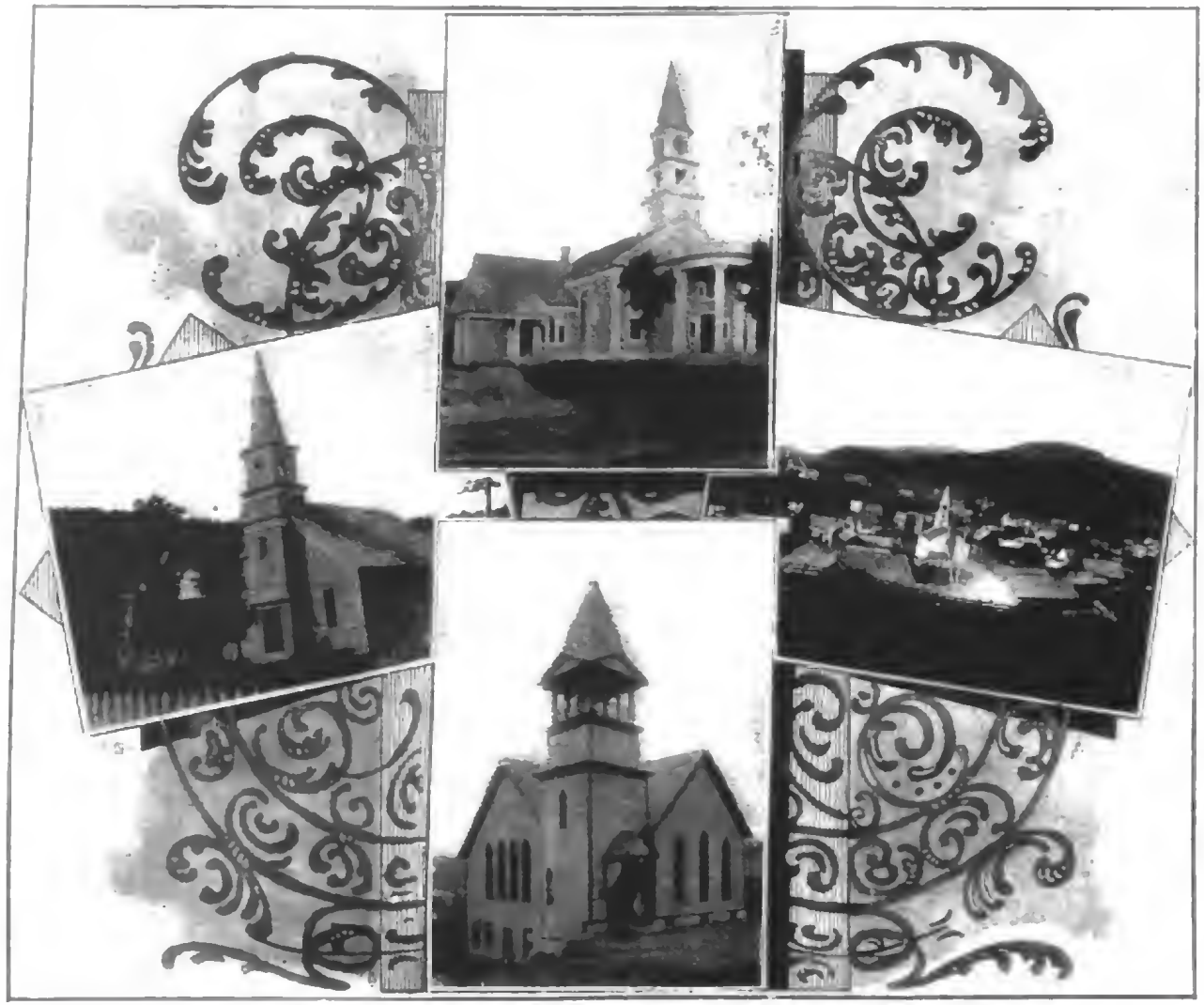

A Group of Hardwick Churches, with a General View of the Town.

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WOODBURY GRANITE COMPANY. To the growth of the Woodbury Granite Company, more than any other single cause, is due the rapid growth of the village of Hardwick. This company was organized under the laws of Vermont in 1888 for the purpose of quarrying granite in Woodbury, Vermont. In 1896 the controlling interest of the company was bought up by John S. Holden of Bennington, Charles W. Leonard of Boston, and George H. Bickford of Bennington. For a year or two manufacturing was done in Woodbury. Late in the fall of 1898 a partnership was formed under the name of Bickford, More & Co., for the purpose of manufacturing the granite to be quarried at Woodbury by the Woodbury Granite Company, the members of the partnership being John S. Holden, Charles W. Leonard, Charles H. More & Co. of Montpelier, and George H. Bickford. The firm built a large cutting plant at Hardwick and continued business under the firm name until the spring of 1892, when the business was bought by the Woodbury Granite Company and the two firms consolidated. Since that time the Woodbury Granite Company has largely increased its cutting plant at Hardwick, so that to-day it is twice the size of the plant at the time it was bought from Bickford, More & Co. It has also greatly increased its quarrying facilities at Woodbury, until it is safe to say that the firm is operating in Hardwick the largest single cutting plant, devoted exclusively to the manufacture of granite, to be found in the country; and the quarries at Woodbury are ad-

STONE-SHEDS OF WOODBURY GRANITE CO. AT HARDWICK, VERMONT.

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mitted to be the most complete in the way of equipment and capacity for large production of any in the country.

The firm devotes its attention almost exclusively to building work of the best and largest class, as well as to vault work and the largest kind of monumental work. Since beginning operations the firm has been obliged to be continually increasing its plant to keep up with the growing business, and it has deservedly won a reputation for producing the highest class of building work and for carrying out its contracts to the letter. The company is now engaged in the manufacture of granite required for the state capitol of Pennsylvania, which is being erected at Harrisburg. This is, perhaps, the largest single contract for granite that has ever been let in this country, and the firm is running upward of four hundred and fifty men in its plant at Hardwick proper, and is also running one hundred men at the quarry. It has a pay-roll in the town of Hardwick running from twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars a month, which, of course, has given a great impetus to the growth of Hardwick in every direction.

The members of the Woodbury Granite Company own the controlling interest in the Hardwick & Woodbury railroad, which has about twelve miles of track, with engine and car equipment, the road having been built exclusively for the transportation of granite from the quarries in Woodbury to the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad at Hardwick. In the fall of 1903 the company bought a valuable piece of quarry property in Bethel, Vermont, and built a large cutting

QUARRIES AT WOODBURY.

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plant there for the manufacture of this granite and is now producing in Bethel a very high class granite which is almost pure white in color, and in great demand for the best class of building work. They have just completed two very fine residences on Fifth avenue, New York city, out of this granite.

The business of the company is under the personal management of George H. Bickford, who moved to Hardwick in the fall of 1898 for the purpose of taking charge of the business. Some idea of the comparative size of the cutting plant at Hardwick can be gained from the fact that the plant is built and equipped to produce a quantity of finished work probably more than double that of any single plant in the state, and to-day the company is unable to keep up with the demand for its product, even among its old and established customers.

George Hamilton Bickford, the manager of the Woodbury Granite Company, was born at Barton, Vermont, October 10, 1868, a son of Rev. George H. Bickford, who died in that town. He was educated at Keene, New Hampshire, after which he completed a full course at the Montpelier seminary, entered Wesleyan university at Middletown, Connecticut, and graduated with the highest honors in the class of 1891.

Mr. Bickford was united in marriage to Alice A., eldest daughter of John S. Holden, on October 9, 1894. The fruit of this union is one son, George Floyd, born July 12, 1897.

UNION GRANITE COMPANY.

The Union Granite company of Hardwick consists of two brothers, Robert C. and George B. Wallace, 34 and 28 years of age, both born in Canada, members of a large family of genuine Scotch ancestry. Some years ago they came to Hardwick and began to learn the trade of granite working, and being by nature mechanical, they soon became proficient workmen. In 1896 they began business for themselves, doing all of their own work. By strict attention and by doing the best of work, their business soon increased and they began to employ help, which they have constantly added to, until at the present time

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CAPITOL.

The granite for this magnificent building is being supplied by the Woodbury Granite Company.

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they employ upwards of thirty men, many of them being among the best and most skilled workmen in this country.

STONE-SHEDS OF UNION GRANITE CO., HARDWICK, VERMONT.

Their work is mostly monumental, with fine carving. The stock used is Hardwick, Woodbury, and Barre granite, and the finished products are shipped to nearly every state in the Union.

BRONSON, TIMOTHY G., son of William D. and Anna D. (Mason) Bronson, was born at Hardwick, Vermont, May 8, 1859, and was educated in the schools of Hardwick and at Barre academy, graduating from the latter in 1880. In 1881 he went to Iowa, where he taught school for a year. He was then united in marriage to Jennie L. Avery of Corinth, Vermont, after which they went to South Dakota, where he became part owner and had charge of a stock and grain farm of one thousand acres. At the end of four years he sold out his interest in the business, and came back to Hardwick. January, 1887, he took charge of the old home farm and has remained upon the same ever since. This is one of the model stock farms, of 450 acres, with fine buildings, and a sugar orchard of 2,500 trees. The farm now has upwards of one hundred head of "Registered Jersey cattle," also keeps a fine line of "O. I. C." hogs. A large dairy is kept, and the products all made into butter on the farm.

Brondale farm is located on the river road about two miles above East Hardwick village, easy of access at all seasons of the year, and

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lovers of fine stock will find that a visit to this farm will well repay them.

Mr. Bronson is vice-president of the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' association, also vice-president of the Vermont Dairymen's association. He is a member of Caledonia grange, also a member of Caspian Lake lodge of F. & A. M. He held the office of school director for two years in Dakota and has held the same office in Hardwick for nine years, and was town superintendent of schools for three years; has been justice of the peace and notary public for many years.

TIMOTHY G. BRONSON.

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Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bronson: Alice J., born October 20, 1884 (in Dakota); Edith T., born June 9, 1886; and Arthur H., born December 9, 1887.

DOW, WALLACE L., one of a family of eight children of Luther C. and Lovina (Dewey) Dow, was born in Albany, Vermont, in 1850. He received the common school and academic training of his native town. For several years he conducted a farming and also a mercantile business at Albany with success. He was postmaster at South Albany from 1885 to 1889. For some years previous he had been employed as contractor and builder and did considerable at this in Barton and St. Johnsbury. In 1889 he bought the J. M. Stevens farm at East Hardwick and moved on to the same, where he conducted an extensive farming business. He was also a dealer in live stock and served as postmaster at East Hardwick for four years. He was one of the promoters and organizers of the La-

WALLACE L. DOW.

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moille Valley Creamery association in 1892, and was its manager and secretary and treasurer for several years. He was also one of the commissioners to organize the Hardwick Savings Bank and Trust company, was master of the Caledonia grange at East Hardwick for three years, and is at present a deputy grange organizer and inspector for Vermont. He is a member and secretary and treasurer of the Hardwick board of trade. He has held many positions as town officer in Hardwick, and also in Albany, and has, all in all, been a prominent and efficient public man.

In 1902 Mr. Dow erected his fine residence on Church street at Hardwick village, where he now resides. He is at present doing an extensive real estate business, also life, fire, and accident insurance. Mr. Dow is a member of Caspian Lake lodge, No. 87, F. & A. M., also member of Hardwick lodge of Odd Fellows.

In 1874 he was married to Lillian A. Fairman of Albany, Vermont. The fruits of the marriage are two children, Ernest F., born in 1875, and Cleo V., born in 1887.

BRIDGMAN, GEORGE WASHINGTON, son of Dorman and Achsa (Mitchel) Bridgman, was born at Hardwick, Vermont, February 21, 1840, on the old homestead settled by his grandfather in 1795. He received the common school and academic educational training of his time in his native town. He worked on his father's farm until he enlisted in Company F, Second Vermont infantry, April 29, 1861, one of the first four men to enlist from Hardwick. He remained in the service until his discharge, June 26, 1864; was in seventeen engagements, including the first Bull Run; was wounded in shoulder in battle of the Wilderness. He was an ever-ready-to-fight soldier and was discharged as lieutenant of his company.

February 10, 1866, he was united in marriage to Helen M. McLoud, daughter of Colonel Ira McLoud of Woodbury. Of this union was born on December 20, 1870, twins, one

GEORGE W. BRIDGMAN.

of whom died in infancy; the other, Maud Helen, died September 9, 1881. Also born April 26, 1875, Edward George, now married and living with his father on the "old farm." In 1866-'67 Mr. Bridgman carried on the parental farm. He then moved to Sutton and engaged in the lumber business as a member of the Orleans and Caledonia Steam

Mill company. In the spring of 1878 he moved to Barton village and conducted a meat business for the summer, when he traded his place and business for the John Bean farm at Barton and occupied himself mostly in agriculture. In the spring of 1886, on account of the poor health of his parents he moved to Hardwick and in 1891 bought out the other heirs and became the owner of the old homestead of 320 acres, which has been in the family for 109 years. He and his son, Edward G., now run a milk route, keeping over forty cows besides much other stock. They have fine, commodious farm buildings which occupy one of the most pleasant farm situations in Vermont.

In 1882 Mr. Bridgman represented Barton in the legislature, also represented Hardwick in 1894, and at various times has held many public offices in Barton and in Hardwick. He is an active member of Ellsworth post, G. A. R. It can truly be said of G. W. Bridgman that both in civil and military life he is a worthy descendant of the first settlers of Vermont, whose works have placed her name in the front rank of a liberty-loving people.

DIXON, Rev. John Anthony, was born in Wales, September 15, 1857. He comes of good stock, but as he quaintly remarks, "There are so many Britishers in the United States whose ancestry is illustrious that it would be superfluous for me to trace my pedigree." He ran away to sea when he was only fourteen years of age, and followed that occupation until he was twenty-five. During these years, with no one to push him, he worked his way from cabin boy to chief officer. He was second mate before he was eighteen and first mate before he was twenty-one. His experiences, as he modestly relates them, are thrilling. Twice shipwrecked, in two mutinies, one of two survivors of the ravages of yellow fever which carried off two crews; beside other varied experiences of the life of a seaman. At the age of twenty-five Mr. Dixon left the sea and settled in

Rev. John A. Dixon.

Lynn, Massachusetts, having previously married Julietta Allen, a resident of that place. Here he was converted to God and called to the ministry and the struggle for an education began. With his wife and child and aged mother he struggled for nine long years, working in the shoe shops days and studying nights, and reciting three times a week to Professors Johnson and Davis, one the master of a private

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school, the other the principal of the Ingalls school. When business was rushing he did this and when business was slack he devoted all his time to study. During these years of working days and studying nightsalmostinvariably he preached somewhere on Sunday, giving his services to struggling missions and poor churches. His struggle for an education was heroic and the habit acquired in those days of struggle sticks to him to-day, for he is one of the greatest students in the Vermont conference. He loves his books and gives much time to them. He joined the Vermont conference at Barton in the spring of 1893, and was appointed to Shelfield, where he had a successful pastorate of one year. Since that time he has served Cabot four years, Barton Landing three years, and he is now serving on his fourth year at Hardwick. Mr. Dixon succeeds in making the people like him. On all his charges it is the same. Hardwick honored him in 1902 by sending him to the legislature as her representative, and faithfully did he serve his constituency. He is a strong temperance man and made himself felt on that side to such an extent that his opponents named him the "fighting parson." But no man among his opponents but respected and liked the man; some of the best friends he had at Montpelier were among those who differed from him in politics.

Mr. Dixon is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and believes heartily in the work being done by these societies, and societies of like character, along humanitarian lines.

Having worked hard himself, and being a worker who makes his brain sweat to-day, he has great sympathy with the sons of toil and no one suffers in Hardwick if it is in his power to relieve the suffering, and therefore the granite cutters of Hardwick "swear by him." Having been well born and tenderly reared in early life, he understands the feelings of those who are not reckoned as toilers, and has, therefore, sympathy for all. Since joining the Vermont conference Mr. Dixon has pushed his studies, having taken the regular four years' course for "traveling preachers," and correspondence courses through the general conference board of the Primitive Methodist church, affiliated with Taylor university, from which he received the degrees of A. M. and Ph. D. He holds in his conference a place on the board of examiners, and is assistant secretary. The newspapers of Montpelier, during the recent session of conference, characterized him as an eloquent and forceful preacher, and his conference showed confidence in him by electing him an alternate to the general conference. He is the embodiment of the spirit of the denomination to which he belongs, namely, wide-awake mentally, enthusiastic, progressive, and adjustable to present conditions. *He is a self-made man.*

WALDRON, Rev. John Drew, was born in Wakefield, New Hampshire, September 5, 1841, and was the oldest son of Frederick and Sally Waldron. He received his education in the schools of his native town, with the exception of one year at Middleton, New Hampshire. He was converted in the year 1858, and united with the Ossipee and Wakefield Free Baptist

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church. Soon after this he went to Lawrence, Massachusetts, to work for J. M. Wood. In 1861 he went to South Berwick, Maine, and worked five years in a store for O. Stackpole & Co. In 1867 he went to New Hampton (New Hampshire) theological school; in 1868 was called to the pastorate of the Free Baptist church of South Strafford, Vermont. The three years of labor here were abundantly blessed; as a

REV. JOHN D. WALDRON.

result 108 persons united with the church, the debt on the parsonage paid, and the church building thoroughly repaired. Mr. Waldron has also held pastorates in the following named places: Lawrence, New York, Warren, Vermont, Sutton, New Hampshire, Amesbury, Massachusetts, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a second pastorate at South Strafford, Vermont, Springvale, Maine, West Buxton, Maine, Enosburg Falls, Vermont, North Danville, Vermont, West Charleston, Vermont, and at present Hardwick, Vermont. In all these places he has seen marked results; over five hundred persons have united with the churches by baptism, church debts have been removed, and churches and parsonages repaired. At Enosburg Falls, one of the best churches was built under his pastorate. Mr. Waldron is called outside to attend many funerals and speak for different orders. His life has been and still is a very active one.

In July, 1863, Mr. Waldron married Miss Maria E. McDaniel, daughter of Sewel and Martha McDaniel of South Berwick, Maine. Three daughters were born to them, two of whom are now living. In January, 1886, Mrs. Waldron died. The following year he married Mrs. Abbie E. Merrill of Manchester, New Hampshire, who only lived a short time, and on November 29, 1888, Mr. Waldron married his present wife, Carrie E., daughter of Lewis and Emily M. Godfrey of Vershire, Vermont. Mr. Waldron is a very earnest and rapid speaker, not afraid to preach what he believes is right. In politics he is and always has been a strong Republican. He has always been interested in the welfare of the places in which he has lived, and is none the less so in his present pastorate, the flourishing town of Hardwick.

TAYLOR, WILLIAM H., was born in Wheelock, Vermont, July 18, 1863, a son of Benjamin F. and Amanda M. (Stetson) Taylor. His great-grandfather, Jonathan Taylor, was captain of a trading vessel and came to this country from Scot-

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land, settling at Canterbury, New Hampshire. His grandfather, Jonathan Taylor, removed to Vermont when quite young, coming to Wheelock in 1790, where he continued to live during a long and somewhat eventful life. His father, Benja-

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

min F. Taylor, was born in Wheelock in 1831 and when about 21 years of age went into the mercantile business there which he followed for nearly a half century, retiring in 1901 and removing to Hardwick to take up his residence.

William H. was the eldest of five children. He was educated in the common schools of his native town and fitted for college at Hardwick academy. In the fall of 1883 he entered the Sophomore class of Dartmouth college, and graduated from that institution in June, 1886. He returned to Hardwick the same year as principal of Hardwick academy, which position he held for three years, resigning in 1889 to accept the office of supervisor of schools for Caledonia county. He

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held the office of supervisor during the existence of the law creating it, and later was appointed examiner of teachers for the county, a position he still holds (1904).

He studied law in the office of Ide & Stafford at St. Johnsbury and was admitted to the bar in 1892. During 1893 he was again principal of Hardwick academy and at the same time engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1895 he formed a law partnership with Walter A. Dutton of Walden, Vermont, under the firm name of Taylor & Dutton, a relation which still exists. Mr. Taylor was elected state's attorney in 1894 and reëlected in 1896. In 1900 he was chosen to represent his town in the state legislature. He has held various town and village offices and has always been active in promoting the best interests of the community.

WALTER A. DUTTON.

He has twice been selected by the governor to revise the school laws of the state under legislative authority.

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Mr. Taylor married Nettie I. Clark July 27, 1887. They have four children : Harold F., Florence M., Mildred I., and Cecil A.

MORSE, MELVIN G., a young and talented lawyer of Hardwick, was born February 27, 1873, in Elmore, Lamoille county, Vermont. After leaving the common schools of his native town, he was graduated from the People's academy at Morrisville, Vermont. Deciding then upon a professional career, he studied law first with the late Hon. P. K. Gleed, of Morrisville, then in the office of Bates & May at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, subsequently taking a special course in the law school of the Boston university. He was admitted to the bar in 1899, and immediately located at Hyde Park, Vermont.

Not being satisfied with the prospects in that place, Mr. Morse settled in Hardwick, in April, 1900, and is here winning success in his legal work. He has served as state's attorney for Caledonia county for the past two years. He has a good practice, in addition carries on a substantial business as a fire, life, and accident insurance agent, representing some of the leading insurance companies of New England, his office being in the Marshall block. He is likewise the local agent for the Connecticut Building and Loan association.

RYEGATE.

Population, Census of 1900, 995.

The town of Ryegate was settled by emigrants from Scotland, who received their lands under certain conditions and regulations from the Scotch company. When we look back more than one hundred years and contemplate the busy preparations of these men to leave their native country, their homes and all that is dear to youth and manhood, for the purpose of selecting a future and lasting residence in a far-off wilderness, where the wild beasts of the forests were the only occupants, and where the howling of the storm or the moaning of the wind through the forests were the only sounds to relieve eternal silence; when we view them leaving the places of their nativity on the banks of the river Clyde in Scotland, whose northern banks present romantic scenery of wildest grandeur, and whose southern landscapes are lawns and fields covered with richest verdure, and dotted ever and anon with cottage and mansion and castle of varied architecture; when we see them bidding adieu to their friends and relatives with tears and prayers for their welfare and prosperity, we can only express ourselves in wonder and admiration. In the winter of 1773 a company was formed by a number of farmers in the vicinity of Glasgow, Scotland, called the Scotch American company, for the purpose of purchasing a tract of land for settlement in North America. Allen, one of the commissioners, was a practical farmer on the southern bank of the Clyde near Paisley, where a ready market was found for all of the products of the farm, and within easy distance of church and school. At the age of 33 he had been selected with Whitelaw to go to America to purchase land for a settlement. He was a matter-of-fact man and in every way

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well adapted for the enterprise. James Whitelaw at the time of the formation of the company was 24 years old, and resided on the Clyde near Glasgow. He was well educated, being a practical land surveyor, and combined a high sense of honor and independence with a religious turn of mind, characteristics inherited from his covenanter ancestors. James Henderson, who accompanied the commissioners, had just finished his apprenticeship as a house joiner, and with his chest of tools and proficiency as a workman was an invaluable acquisition to the new settlement. Naturally of a social and humorous turn, his witticisms, jokes, and cheerfulness helped while away the lonely hours of a new settlement.

Allen returned to Scotland. Whitelaw was busily engaged in surveying, so it was to Henderson that the newcomers had to look for shelter and protection from the storm, and well he performed his part.

The company was formed principally of inhabitants of Lanark and Renfrewshire. Their articles of agreement were subscribed at Inchman, February 5, 1773. The commissioners were to purchase land in any of his majesty's colonies in North America, beginning in New York, draw a plan of the land purchased and send it to the managers in Scotland, and lay off the land in lots conformed to the smallest sums paid; they were to provide accommodations for emigrants until they were able to build for themselves.

It was also agreed that if any difference or misunderstanding should arise between the members in regard to company matters, it was to be settled by arbitrators, from whose decision there was no appeal. This code of agreement illustrates the practical good sense of these sturdy Scotchmen. The commissioners with their instructions and all necessary articles of convenience and comfort, full of hope and romantic ideas peculiar to youth, left their native country in the spring of 1773. On the morning of the 20th of May they saw in the dim distance the hills on the American coast.

At New York they were welcomed to the country by Alexander Semple and by Rev. John Witherspoon, their countrymen, who no doubt knew many of the company, having been ordained minister of the low church of Paisley in 1757. In consequence of his being favorable to the independence of the colonies, he lost his place in the church, came to America and became one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. At this time he was president of Princeton college, New Jersey. He told them that he and a Mr. Church owned a township in Colchester county, New York, called Ryegate, which they wished to sell. Soon after the commissioners started for Ryegate, where they found Mr. Church, who was copartner with Mr. Witherspoon in the ownership of Ryegate.

Suffice to say that the commissioners traversed all parts of the town, making careful observations.

They resolved to look over a wide area in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, and the Carolinas.

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In Ohio salt was selling at 20 shillings per bushel, and other things at equally extravagant prices, and markets were distant.

Of Pennsylvania they wrote, "The province of Pennsylvania appears the most desirable to live in, yet the land is so dear we cannot make a purchase. The people here look well except the women, who for the most part have lost their teeth."

No doubt the fact above mentioned decisively influenced their choice against a settlement there. After traveling thousands of miles and inspecting lands in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and the Carolinas, they returned to Princeton October 1, and the next day bargained with Mr. Witherspoon for half of Ryegate. They pushed up the Connecticut in a canoe to Newbury and put up with General Jacob Bailey on the first of November. On the tenth Mr. Church came and they divided the township, the southern half falling to the commissioners, which was regarded as fortunate. When they came to Ryegate they found John Hyndman building his house and they assisted him until it was roughly finished, he in turn helping them erect a house which they occupied about January, 1779.

The colonists having secured their grist and sawmill, were anticipating a prosperous season for 1776. But the war for independence had commenced, consequently their fear of the Indians induced them to prepare for defence, and they met May 14 to form a military organization. Their first officers were Captain James Henderson, Lieutenant Robert Brock, Ensign Bartholomew Somers.

SAVAGE, Hon. Albert R., an eminent lawyer and jurist of Maine, was born in Ryegate, Vermont, December 8, 1847, a son of Charles W. and Eliza (McLarm) Savage, a daughter of Asa and Anna Stevens (Clough) Savage.

Albert R. Savage's boyhood was spent in much the same manner as all other New England boys of his day. At nine years of age he left Vermont and has never returned, only as the man journeying back to his birthplace and boyhood home, to once more drink of the inspiration which comes to all of us from these pilgrimages to the scenes of our earlier days.

Mr. Savage graduated from Dartmouth college in 1871, was admitted to the bar of Maine in 1875, and practised his profession at Auburn until 1897. He was county attorney from 1881 to 1885, judge of probate 1885 to 1889, mayor of the city of Auburn 1889, 1890, and 1891, representative to the legislature 1891 and again in 1893, speaker of the house of representatives in 1893, senator in 1895 and re-elected in 1897, and in 1897 he became a member of the supreme judicial court, and is still serving in that capacity.

August 17, 1871, Judge Savage was united in marriage to Nellie H. A., daughter of Sprague T. and Nancy M. (Moulton) Hale of Lunenburg. [See page 86, Essex county].

MEADER, Thomas A., is a good type of the plucky, energetic Irish-American, who has won recognition by merit and persistence.

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Mary Ann Fleming came from near Dublin when about 15 years of age, and married John A. Meader at Manchester, New Hampshire, in 1857. Not long afterwards Mr. Meader came to Ryegate and worked at his trade as a stone mason. His books show that he generally received $1.25 per day for doing work in that line, which would now cost about three times that amount.

THOMAS A. MEADER.

John Meader enlisted in August, 1862, in Co. F, Colonel Berdan's sharpshooters, and died in a hospital in 1863, from wounds received at Gettysburg. His widow was left with three little children, Andrew D., born in 1858, who died in 1879, Thomas A., born in 1860, and Jennie in 1862.

The family lived at Ryegate Corner until 1869, when they moved to the farm which they now own, for which they ran in debt $1,250, also for their stock. By the death of Andrew ten years later, Thomas was left in sole charge of the farm. He was strong and self-reliant, and, sink or swim, had to paddle his own

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He began corresponding for
Lyndon Union nearly twenty
ago, and has since corres-
ed for several important agri-
ral journals, including the
England Homestead.
dge Meader has held many po-
ıs of public trust. He has
moderator, constable, lister,
l director, town agent, chair-
of library trustees, and audi-
nolding some of these positions
y all the time. He has been
y public for the past ten years,
e of the peace for many
and has tried many important
, and was always sustained by
y court. He was census enum-
r in 1900 and in 1902 was
d first associate judge for Cal-
a county. There being no
rs in Ryegate, Judge Meader
en consulted in legal matters
is considered authority. He
s out all kinds of legal papers.
as for many years been secre-
of "Ryegate and Wells River
y Dairymen's association,"
as given much time and effort
n success for the society, and
in this work has been very ably as-
sisted by his sister Jennie. The
Meader family have been identified
with Blue Mountain grange
since its organization in 1898.
The Judge has been master three
years, and Miss Jennie lecturer and
secretary for two years each. He
is also a director of the St. Johns-
bury Fair Ground company.

The Meader family at this home
consists of the widowed mother and
her son and daughter, Thomas A.
and Jennie.

Neither Thomas A. nor Jennie
were ever married but have re-
mained with the mother on the
farm, to which they came with her
when they were but children, and
here they maintain one of the solid,
grand old homes for which Ryegate
is so famous. The family are
members of the United Presbyter-
ian church at Ryegate.

The Judge is a thorough going
Republican and can be depended
upon to stay.

GAY, ALLEN T., of Ryegate, well
known as the genial proprietor of
the jewelry and notion store in Gib-
son block, is a "downeaster" by
birth. He has "swung round the cir-
cle" of New England and for most
satisfactory reasons settled in South
Ryegate. He was born in Waldo,
Maine, in 1863, son of Abial W. and
Sarah T. Godding Gay. He left
home at the age of 17, went to Ban-
gor, Maine, and there worked two
years learning the trade of oar
maker. He then went to Taunton,
Massachusetts, and was em-
ployed five years as a nurse
and attendant in the insane
asylum, where he obtained some
ideas of diseased human na-

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ture. After spending a year as an officer on the state farm at Howard, Rhode Island, impaired health required a change and he resided two years on a farm in Groton. He then came to South Ryegate and became a member of the mercantile firm of Terry, George & Gay, but after three years sold his interest to his partners and started in business for himself, in the line of jewelry and notions. At a disastrous fire on the night of October 13, 1898, Mr. Gay's entire stock was consumed, entirely without insurance. It was a severe blow, but he whistled to keep up his courage and determined that he would still be Gay. In March, 1900, he opened his present stock of jewelry, silverware, fancy crockery, notions, confectionery, tobacco and cigars in Gibson block. Repairs of watches, clocks and jewelry are promptly attended to. His patronage has steadily increased, and exceeded his expectations, and he has constantly added

ALLEN T. GAY.

RESIDENCE OF ALLEN T. GAY, SOUTH RYEGATE, VERMONT.

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new lines, including standard bicycles and sundries. He was united to Lizzie, daughter of David and Mary Whitehill of Ryegate, in 1886, and their pretty home on Pleasant street is cheered by the presence of two children, Nelson C. and Nellie S. Mr. Gay enjoys society and is a member of Pulaski lodge, No. 58, F. & A. M., also with Mrs. Gay of Corinthian chapter, O. E. S. He also affiliates with Temple lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F.

GILFILLAN, FAMILY, THE. David Gilfillan came to America from Scotland in 1796, one of four brothers. Here he settled, built a cabin, and hewed out a farm from the primeval wilderness. Six of his seven sons were pioneers in Brownington and Westmore, Orleans county.

Andrew went to Brownington in 1840, cleared up a fine farm and here William N., his only son, was born in 1847.

His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of "Sugar" Will Nelson, and granddaughter of James Henderson, the pioneer. Her mother, Jane Henderson, was the first female child born in this town.

In 1867 Andrew Gilfillan and his wife came to Ryegate and purchased the present family homestead of Andrew Buchanan.

Andrew Gilfillan was a man of the times, hardy, vigorous and active. He died in 1892 in his 77th year, and his wife the preceding year.

William N. attended Peacham academy and taught school successfully several terms.

Later he was located two years as a shipping clerk at Springfield, Vermont, and while there was president of the Industrial Works.

The failing health of his parents required his care on the Ryegate home farm in 1877, and the same year he married Lizzie, daughter of David Henderson, whose wife, Mary Bailey, is a descendant of the well known pioneer, General Jacob Bailey of Newbury.

Their oldest son, Irving H., 24 years of age, is associated with his father in farming; Bailey H. died

WILLIAM N. GILFILLAN.

in January, 1895, at the age of 14.

W. N. Gilfillan was first secretary of the Farmers' Club of Ryegate and furnished more than 500 columns of correspondence for the Vermont Union. He was for many years the secretary of the South Ryegate creamery, and has served as selectman.

He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church. In 1902 he represented Ryegate in the legislature.

MARTIN H. GIBSON.

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MARTIN H. GIBSON'S BLOCK, SOUTH RYEGATE, VERMONT.

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OMITTED FROM THE TOWN OF KIRBY.*

NICKERSON, DAVID B., a son of Benjamin B. (see sketch of Nickerson family, Kirby), was born May 5, 1843, at Kirby. He lived at

DAVID B. NICKERSON.

home on the farm until about twenty years of age, after which he spent some years as a sailor in the whaling service from Provincetown, Massachusetts. In 1869 he was married to Alma J., daughter of Henry Houghton, of Lyndon, and they settled on a farm in his native town. Four children were born to them, the first, Phin W., born February 12, 1871, who died August 11, 1872; second, George D., born October 23, 1873, who early developed the characteristics of a machinist and entered a machine shop at St. Johnsbury. His failing health soon forced him to abandon his work and December 10, 1893, he died. The third child of David B. was Charles H., born August 23,

GEORGE D. NICKERSON.

1875, who is married and settled in Kirby. The fourth was Katie Abbie, born October 22, 1877, who married and removed from town.

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April 12, 1891, death removed from the family the wife and mother, Alma J. David B. still remains a resident of Kirby, the owner of a fine farm in company with E. E. Hovey.

ALMA J. NICKERSON.

ESSEX COUNTY

Population, Census of 1900, 8,056

The pioneer settlers of the county were Timothy Nash, George Wheeler, and David Page, who located in Guildhall in 1764. They had to transport their food supplies in canoes up the Connecticut river, a distance of more than one hundred and fifty miles. For several years settlement progressed slowly. The people suffered from want of food. Mothers sometimes had the heart-rending experience of seeing their children fainting from hunger, without the means to satisfy it, and were obliged to put them to bed without food.

Through this county was the main highway for the St. Francis tribe of Indians, in Canada, and the Coös Indians, who lived in the valley of the Connecticut. Both tribes claimed the territory as a hunting ground and the stone tomahawks and arrow-points which have been found furnish evidence of occasional warfare between them.

The people were also especially exposed to depredations by the Indians and Tories during the Revolutionary war. Their cattle were killed, their houses plundered or burned, and in some instances men were killed and women and children carried into captivity.

The following incident from "Miss Heminway's Historical Gazateer of Vermont," will give an idea of the courage and fortitude with which some of the experiences of these times were borne:

"A Mrs. Chapman, who saw her husband killed while at work in the field near their house, sought refuge for herself and three children in the woods. The Indians passed several times very near her place of concealment, in their search for her, and she was in momentary expectation that her babe would cry, and thus betray her hiding-place. When the Indians had gone, she waded through the river, to a neighbor's house, carrying her children, one at a time, till all were safely over."

Other names have come down to us of men and women who braved dangers and endured privations and hardships. Among them were Captain Bailey, John Hugh, James Luther, John French and wife, Hezekiah Fuller and wife, and Major Whitcomb. (For extended account of the last named, see "Mountain View Farm," Burke.)

Essex county was incorporated from Caledonia in 1798, but was not fully organized till 1799, when Lunenburg and Brunswick were established as half shires. On the third Monday in December, 1800, the first session of the Essex county court

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was held in Lunenburg, in the house of Samuel Gates, which was the first framed house built in that town (see Lunenburg and Dr. J. C. Breitling). Daniel Dana of Guildhall was chief judge, Samuel Phelps of Lunenburg and Mills De Forrest of Lemington, assistants; Joseph Wait of Brunswick, first sheriff; Haynes French of Maidstone, first clerk. At the October session of the legislature, in 1801, the county seat was changed to Guildhall, where it remains. The first court-house was built on the hill back of the common, on land granted for the purpose by Eben Judd; in 1831 it was rebuilt on the common and for many years served the threefold purpose of court-house, church, and schoolhouse. The present court-house was built in 1850. The first jail was built in 1808 or 1809; a new jail was built in 1834, which was burned in 1864; in 1866 it was rebuilt; set on fire by the prisoners and burned in 1878; it was very soon rebuilt; has been several times repaired and in 1885 was enlarged.

The bar of Essex county was early distinguished for clearness of perception, vigor of intellect, and untiring energy and perseverance. Some of its members are also remembered for their gentlemanly natures and scholarly attainments. General Seth Cushman, William Heywood, the three Bentons—father and two sons—William Hartshorn, and others might be mentioned. Its strength and dignity have been maintained by the acquisition from time to time of such men as Henry Heywood,—son

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of William Heywood,—Hon. David S. Storrs, Hon. Franklin D. Hale, Colonel Z. M. Mansur, Hon. George N. Dale and his son, Colonel Porter H. Dale, some of whom are still living and others of whose memories are still fresh in the minds of the present generation.

This county has in the *Essex County Herald*, published by W. H. Bishop of Island Pond, a bright, enterprising weekly newspaper of sound policy and far-reaching influence.

The town of Concord, in this county, has the distinction of being the seat of the first normal school in the United States, incorporated in 1823.

Essex county is about forty-five miles long and twenty-three miles wide. The head waters of Passumpsic, Moose, and Clyde rivers water the western part. Agriculture and lumbering are the leading industries. The strong fertile soil produces plenteous crops of grain and vegetables, while the rich meadow lands along the Connecticut produce large quantities of hay and the higher ground furnishes abundant pasturage.

The climate is healthful, the people are of the energetic, labor-loving type, who enjoy the freedom of the hills and love the scenic beauties of the ever-changing panorama of meadow, cliff, and valley, to be found along the banks of the grand old Connecticut, which forms the eastern boundary.

BRIGHTON.*

Population, Census of 1900, 2,023.

At the height of the watershed between the St. Lawrence and the Atlantic, the town of Brighton has its romantic situation; and across it lay the route of the Indians in their annual pilgrimage from the river to the sea. A century since, their canoes could easily be pushed from Lake Memphremagog up the River Clyde, over the lake with its beautiful pine-covered island, and on to Spectacle pond, where the prow of Pine point, first called the old man's nose, gives evidence of their council fires as clearly as does Rock Dunder in Lake Champlain; from thence a few paddle strokes would carry them down the Nulhegan river and into the Connecticut.

Following a trail parallel to this water course came the early explorers, among them one Knowlton, who give his name to the lake with the island, but the prosaic Yankee fishermen came after and called it Island Pond, by which it is known to-day, and in this manner the vil-

Soon after Knowlton, General James Whitelaw, who was the guardian and somewhat distant connection of Mr. Ronaldo, a Highland Scotchman, the maternal grandfather of Hon. Whitelaw Reid, came, and touched by the beauty of the river, he named it from the beloved stream of his boyhood's home, the River Clyde. Whitelaw climbed the rocky steeps to a height of fourteen hundred feet above the sea, and as he beheld the lakes that beneath him lay,

"And islands that, empurpled bright,
Floated amid the livelier light,
And mountains, that like giants stand
To sentinel enchanted land,"

*Sketch by Colonel Porter H. Dale.

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he dreamed again of the homeland and called the mountain Bonnyberg, that is now generally known as plain Mount Bluff.

Along this trail taken by the explorers and the trappers came, later, Timothy Hinman and his party of surveyors, laying out the county road from Derby to the Hampshire line. This road crossed what is known as the Dolloff farm and went around the northerly shore of the lake. The first permanent settlement was made by Enos Bishop on the westerly shore of the lake, in 1823. The same year John Cargill built a cabin under Mount Bluff and commenced clearing the farm on which he was to pass his long life.

Susanna Stevens

and where he died not many years since.

Soon John Stevens settled near the Bishop clearing, and Vitica Blake located on the bay nearly opposite them.

In the spring of 1827 John Cur-

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rier and Oney Aldrich bought of the original proprietors seven hundred acres of land for fifty cents an acre, and Currier built a cabin on the stream that crosses what is now called the Rowe place, and Aldrich located on the Clyde.

Warren, son of John Stevens, married Susanna, daughter of Oney Aldrich, and they moved to the Enos Bishop place, which they purchased, and where enough sublime history was enacted to fill a volume.

Warren died, all three boys went to the war, one only returning, and the heroic mother struggled on against terrible conditions, and is still living, somewhat lame physically, but possessing perfectly clear mental power.

From Enos Bishop, Oney Aldrich, and John Currier were descendants who enlisted for the war, as did also the sons of Asa Davis, another of the early settlers.

During the years 1852 and 1853 the Grand Trunk railway was built through this town, and with it came the ancestors of many of the Irish who still live here. Among them Peter Tracy, Thomas Foley, Patrick Foley, Patrick Deveney, Thomas Gill, Patrick Flaherty, Michael Tracy, Anthony Flaherty, Stephen Maroney, John Linehan, John Holleran, Patrick Curran, and Martin Donohue; the seven last named of whom are still living. Almost without exception they acquired the best farm lands, and made for

GENERAL VIEW OF ISLAND POND, VERMONT.

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themselves good homes to which they were loyal and were a genial, honorable class of men.

Among the earlier of the French nationality in town were Jean Baptiste Gonya, whose sons are directors of the Gane Shirt Co., and one of whom, George A. Gane, is its president. (See sketch.) Gabriel C. Vallee was for many years telegraph lineman on the Grand Trunk railway and connected with several hardware firms; Jeremiah Steady (Giboin) also came here as a young man with the railway; John Riggie was employed from its early days in Hobson's mill. These three are living yet, and have sons employed here, and in various parts of the country.

The first manufacturing industry here was lumbering, commenced by John Currier, John Cargill, and Arba Joy. Dudley P. Hall and others organized the Island Pond Lumber company and built large mills on the lake shore where the Fitzgerald plant is now located. These mills were sold at auction to Isaac Dyer of Portland, Maine, and for two years they were in charge of Samuel D. Hobson (see sketch), and for six years, from 1859, Nathan Hobson took charge of them. George B. James of Boston next came into possession of this indus-

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try and failed most disastrously. For more than a quarter century past George H. Fitzgerald has operated this plant successfully, and is still running a most modern saw and finishing mill.

In 1866 Samuel D. Hobson purchased of Lester Woodbury his mills, some four miles east of the village and carried on, first alone, and later assisted by his sons, extensive operations, till a few years since all the available timber had been cut. For some thirty years lumbering was conducted by residents of Brighton in a mill located just over the Morgan line. There John Kimpton, Charles W. Pierce, and James M. Butters did a large, but to none of them profitable, business. For about three years William R. Rosebrook operated a mill on his farm.

It has been remarked as a strange fact that so great quantity of most valuable timber should have been cut from this locality to so little permanent profit to the operators.

Brighton possesses one of the finest shirt factories in New England, erected by the town and its use donated to the Gane Shirt company, who came here some ten years ago from Leominster, Massachusetts. The first building when fully equipped, and in which were employed some three hundred operatives, was entirely destroyed by fire a few months ago, but with quick response the town has already rebuilt it.

A. and R. Loggie conduct a lively little factory during the summer months and employ some twenty men in making cans and putting up blueberries, which are imported from Canada.

Of course the greater number of the inhabitants of the village of Island Pond are employed by the Grand Trunk railway, on which this is a divisional point. A new engine house and repair shop are now in process of construction here, and specifications are completed for a new depot. The amount of railroad business conducted at this point would astonish one not familiar with it. With an already immense yard, negotiations are concluded by which a steel viaduct is to be erected to convey all public travel over the tracks that no grade crossing may impede the handling of trains.

This amount of traffic makes the United States customs business at this station the heaviest of any port in the state, there being no less than thirteen deputy collectors and inspectors detailed for service here.

Few towns in the state can be advancing in material ways as rapidly as Brighton. It has four churches, a new school building, a Railroad Y. M. C. A. building, erected at a cost of seven thousand dollars above the lot, prosperous societies of Masons and auxiliary orders, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Woodmen, and Foresters; a Grand Army post, with its kindred organizations, sixteen stores, several carriage, paint, and blacksmith shops, a newspaper, a national bank, an opera house, four hotels, electric lights, a fine water system, and withal, its real estate is valuable and its taxes reasonable.

ISLAND POND NATIONAL BANK. One of the chief institutions of the town, commercially considered, is, of course, the Island Pond National bank. It is located in the

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Opera House block and ranks with any of the like institutions of the state in its equipment, management, and safety of the funds in its keeping. Its vault is fitted with all modern appliances to guard against fire and burglars and is considered absolutely invincible to all invasions of this nature.

The bank commenced business on the 21st day of April, 1890. Eber C. Robinson was the first president and Alvah K. Darling the first cashier. On the decease of Mr. Robinson, George H. Fitzgerald was elected president, on the 30th of June, 1894. Luther A. Cobb became cashier on the death of Mr. Darling, May 2d, 1895, and retains this position at the present time. On August 29th, 1899, Mr. Fitzgerald resigned as president, because of the ill health of his wife which made his removal to Portland imperative, and Colonel Porter H. Dale was chosen president.

Report of the condition of the bank at the close of business, June 9, 1903:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,		$218,243.40
U. S. bonds to secure circulation,		37,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc.,		50,645.94
Due from approved reserve agents,		2,182.18
Checks and other cash items,		797.80
Notes of other national banks,		335.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents,		62.27
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.:		
Specie,	$6,026.55	
Legal tender notes,	4,690.00	10,716.55
Five per cent. redemption fund,		1,850.00
Total,		$321,833.14

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK, ISLAND POND.

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	$75,000.00
Surplus fund,	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid,	22,502.92
National bank notes outstanding,	37,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check,	172,321.07

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Demand certificates of deposit,	$1,775.00
Certified checks,	125.52
Cashier's checks outstanding,	608.63
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed,	2,500.00
Total,	$321,833.14

A general savings bank is also operated and generally patronized by the townspeople, under the same officials and management.

power. From here the water is conveyed through a steel penstock, six feet in diameter, a distance of sixteen hundred feet to the power house below, in which is machinery in duplicate for all the requirements of the plant, so that the breakage of any part would simply necessitate the substitution of its duplicate.

From this station are lighted the villages of Island Pond, Derby Line,

ISLAND POND ELECTRIC CO.'S DAM AT WEST CHARLESTON IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

THE ISLAND POND ELECTRIC CO. owns and operates one of the largest and most modernly equipped plants in this country.

The power is generated at the falls of Clyde river in West Charleston, where the water is held back by a granite dam, some three hundred feet long and forty feet high in its deepest part. The pond caused by the dam covers about seventy acres and is held as reserve

and Stanstead, to which will soon be added East and West Charleston and Derby. The directors of this company are Porter H. Dale, John S. Sweeney, O. S. Eaton, Luther A. Cobb, and George H. Fitzgerald.

DALE, GEORGE NEEDHAM,* was born in Fairfax, Vt., February 19, 1834. His parents removed to Waitsfield, where he attended the public schools, and later graduated from Thetford academy. He studied law

*Sketch by Rev. Edward P. Lee.

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with Paul Dillingham at Waterbury, and was admitted to the Vermont bar in 1856. He came immediately to Guildhall, the seat of Essex county, and entered into partnership with William H. Hartshorn. Having received the appointment of deputy collector of customs for the port of Island Pond, he moved his residence to that place in 1861, where he resided till his death. October, 1863, he married Helen M., daughter of Porter Hinman and Mary P. Wilder, his wife. The issue of this marriage was one son and two daughters. His wife, one son, and one daughter, still survive, but the youngest daughter died about two years ago.

He was elected state's attorney for the county of Essex in 1857, and was reëlected for the fourth time.

He was elected from Guildhall to the general assembly in 1860, and to the senate of Vermont in 1866-'67-'68-'69, and was president *pro tempore* of the senate by unanimous choice in 1869.

At the first biennial election in Vermont, Mr. Dale was elected lieutenant-governor of the state for the years 1870-'71. Subsequently he represented the town of Brighton in the legislature for the year 1892, and again was returned to the senate from Essex county in 1894.

In the United States customs service, Mr. Dale was deputy collector in charge at the port of Island Pond from 1861 to 1866, and again from 1872 to 1882. He entered the diplomatic service as United States consul at Coaticook, Can., in October, 1901, but resigned at the end of about a year on account of his failing health. He was employed as counsel for the Grand Trunk Railway company from 1864 up to the time of his death.

Governor Dale was a lawyer in the best sense of that term, from start to finish, and amid all the public offices which he held, he never let go his hold of the fact that he was an officer of the court, and a member of the bar in the judiciary of his native state. And he loved his profession. He was extremely careful and painstaking. He very seldom gave an opinion on a point of law offhand, but took time to examine authorities, and turn it over in his mind, till he had looked at it from every point of view, and when he finally gave an opinion it could generally be relied upon as correct. He was a lawyer, but he was not a litigant, that is, he never took cases for the sake of litigation. It was his aim always to compose quarrels and differences, never to make them. Many are the cases that have been settled by his advice, which could easily have been taken into court, yet the advice to Laertes seemed always to be his motto: "Beware of entrance to a quarrel: but being in, bear it that the opposer may beware of thee."

For many years he was a powerful advocate, but later he really belonged to the bench rather than to the bar. People in Essex county, Vermont, and in Coös and Grafton counties in New Hampshire, recognized his fairness and great judicial ability, and referred their legal differences to him, and he was so often chosen to hear cases as referee that it became necessary for him to give up his general practice altogether. There were times in the last ten years of his life that he heard as referee, in the two

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Geo. N. Lale

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counties of Essex and Coös, more cases than were tried at the court sessions. In 1886 he was elected president of the Vermont Bar association.

Governor Dale possessed a wide knowledge of general literature, and his writings, speeches, and lectures were of a high order.

His funeral, under the direction of the North Star commandery, Knights Templar, of Lancaster, N. H., was held in Opera hall Island Pond, on Sunday, February 1, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m. No church in the village would have been large enough to accommodate the people in attendance. A short service by the Rev. Thomas Hall, pastor of the Congregational church, was followed by the beautiful and impressive Templar service, and addresses were made by Sir Knights Z. M. Mansur, H. O. Kent, and F. D. Hale.

DALE, PORTER H., is a man of unassuming manner, yet of so much innate dignity that his presence commands instant respect in any company. A man of strong convictions, never afraid or unable to express them and practices what he preaches and what he believes every man should be, in his every-day life; and while a great variety of business affairs besides his professional duties make him one of the busiest men imaginable, he is never too busy to be courteous or to do any one, high or low, rich or poor, a good turn or a favor if it is within his power.

His investments are made here where the town and townspeople reap, either directly or indirectly, a common benefit with him from them, and his energies and efforts are exerted here rather than for any outside profit.

Colonel Dale was born in 1867, and received his education at the grammar school and seminary at Montpelier, in his native state. He then went to the Poughkeepsie Business college, and after two years in the West he returned to schools and private instructors in Boston and Philadelphia. Shortly after this course was completed, he became principal of the Green Mountain seminary at Waterbury, Vermont, and left there to accept a chair of instruction in Bates college, at Lewiston, Maine. He was admitted to the Vermont bar in 1895. He was made chairman of the district convention in 1896, was appointed colonel on the staff of Governor Grout soon after, and in 1897 was appointed deputy in charge of the customs port of Island Pond, having thirteen deputy collectors and inspectors. He was made chairman of the state convention in 1898. He has been county examiner of teachers, and for several years moderator for the town of Brighton, trustee of the public library, school director, agent to prosecute and defend suits, etc. He is president of the Island Pond National bank, president of the Island Pond Electric company, a director in the Dalton Power company and the Dalton Paper company, both at Fitzdale (Lunenburg), and is interested in, and the promoter of, numerous other enterprises.

As a public speaker he possesses unusual attributes. He is natural and impressive in his manner, polished in his rhetoric and logical in his arguments, and those who have knowledge of the real power of his

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oratory, those who have observed the force and dignity with which he has presided at both our district and state conventions, realize that in this respect he has few superiors. He is a student of the great moral and religious questions of the day, and while he is extremely charitable and liberal in his religious views, he adheres to certain fixed moral principles unconditionally.

A descendant of sturdy ancestors, who came up from the battle-fields of the Revolution to settle in the northern wilderness, a Republican who learned the principles of his party at the knee of his sire and grandsire.

Colonel Dale was married in 1891 to Miss Amy Bartlett, daughter of Alvin Bartlett of this town, and four ideally beautiful children have been born to them.

PORTER H. DALE.

AMEY, HARRY B., was born in Pittsburg, New Hampshire, December 21st, 1868. He received his education in the public schools of Pittsburg and graduated from the Lancaster academy in 1890, and from Dartmouth college, 1894; studied

law at Lancaster in the office of Ladd & Fletcher, and was admitted to the New Hampshire bar in July, 1898.

Mr. Amey is "a self-made man," and while pursuing his academic, collegiate, and legal studies he taught school nine consecutive years. He commenced the practice of his profession at Milton, New Hampshire, in September, 1898, where he remained until September, 1902, when he located in Island Pond, and October 1st, 1902, formed a partnership with Colonel Porter H. Dale, with whom he is now practising.

His early opportunities, limited but well improved, richly fitted Mr. Amey for a legal career and gave him that splendid knowledge of men and affairs that comes only with contact. He is a man of broad views, good judgment, and a thorough student of human nature, an able advocate, a safe counselor, a pleasing and convincing speaker, who has won success and friends at the same time.

HARRY B. AMEY.

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He enjoys a large clientage of the most desirable kind and it is safe to predict for him a brilliant and useful career in his field and profession.

Mr. Amey is distinctively a lawyer, and his greatest pleasure is continued research and exhaustive examination along legal lines.

In April, 1896, Mr. Amey was married to Gracia A., daughter of Captain W. H. Norton of U. S. customs service, by whom he has two children, Henry Tillotson and Alpo Emily, aged 5 and 3 years respectively.

BARTLETT, ALVIN.* In referring to the men of the generation now passing away, whose lives have had a forceful influence on this locality, the late Alvin Bartlett is mentioned, distinctively, as a merchant.

He was born in Morgan, Vermont, of Puritan ancestry, and moved to Island Pond when a young man. He is survived by a widow, a son, Hon. E. M. Bartlett, and four daughters, the wife of Rev. T. Merrill Edmands of Minnesota, Mrs. Porter H. Dale, Mrs. Edward F. Norcross, and Miss Edith Bartlett of Island Pond.

Three purposes seemed respectively to control his life, and all of them were accomplished beyond the reasonable expectation of men. He gave himself first to the care of his family—home was his obligation and his veneration. During the time he lived on his farm in Morgan, and through the first years he spent in Island Pond, as clerk for Bartlett & Robinson, he toiled hard through long hours, and, with a small income, confronted prolonged illness, and other unusual requirements in his young family, as matters he was naturally to meet and overcome. His accomplishment of this desire was ideal. Health and comfort and the devotion of wife and children filled up for him many years of cheerful home life.

In business he gave his undivided attention to his store, coming and going as regularly as the hours of the day. He seemed to have no distracting ambitions, and although as fixed as a man of his qualities must be in his adherence to the Republican party, he never ran for public office, and his fellow-men assumed he would not care for it. He possessed a determination to make, by fair means, his vocation as a merchant successful; and the different firms with Alvin Bartlett as senior member, continued for a long time the largest mercantile trade in this community, and while they maintained a reputation above suspicion, they also won the lasting friendship of their customers.

But the highest ambition of his life was to live and advocate the principles of Christianity. For more than a quarter century he was deacon of the Congregational church, and during the greater part of that time he was its sexton, usher, and principal financial supporter. It is undoubtedly true that there were times when the old church, without him, would have been abandoned, but before his death he worshiped there, conscious that it was permanently established. As those who were familiar with his sacrifice, beheld him in his pew during the last months of his life, the sunlight

* Sketch by Colonel Porter H. Dale.

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streaming through the figured windows about him; as they saw him there and knew that he was nearing the end of his course, they realized that purposing to live an honorable business life, for his home, and for his church, he had not wasted his energies, but had been supremely successful in all three purposes.

More than one young man recalls him as the man who, more than any other, helped him to a higher life. He was of quiet action, of unswerving purpose, and of concentrated energy—one of the most perfectly poised of men—"self-balanced for contingencies." His was a face, the trustful expression of which you would welcome in the night of storm, the touch of his hand was helpful in the hour of moral weakness, and the inherent honor of his nature was a saving force from the mistakes and designs

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of business systems. Men are rare who have so well selected their lines of work, and so steadfastly followed them to successful conclusion.

BARTLETT, ELVIN M.,* of Brighton, is a man fortunate in the qualities inherited from his ancestors, and in the conditions that have surrounded his own life.

He was born about forty years ago in the town of Morgan, to which his great-grandfather Bartlett, after his discharge from the Revolutionary army, had brought his family, when the township had recently been surveyed through the primeval forest, and where his maternal grandfather Buchanan had come from Scotland.

On the stony hillside farm overlooking beautiful Seymour lake a wealth of scenery abounds, but leaving the observation of this and reflecting on the fact that any mortal being could accumulate several thousand dollars as a farmer on this scenic elevation leads one to the source of some of the elements in the character of the grandson of Jarvis Bartlett.

Soon after the railroad was built through Island Pond, many of the enterprising descendants of the staunch old settlers of Morgan sought the better opportunities it afforded, among whom was the father of the subject of this sketch, and until his death, two years ago, Alvin Bartlett was one of the most marked individuals of the town of Brighton, devoted exclusively to his church, his family, and his business.

Elvin M. Bartlett, after the usual preparation of the village schools, attended the quite noted Derby academy, and, later, took the business course at Eastman college.

He had grown up in and become familiar with all the details of his father's store, and most naturally became the junior member of the mercantile firm of A. Bartlett & Son, whose business interests increased from year to year. On the decease of the senior member, a stock company was formed under the name of The Bartlett Company, with the surviving partner as its president. In this enterprise Mr. Bartlett has gathered about him several young and ambitious men of experience in the business, and under his supervision they are operating at present one of the largest and most finely equipped department stores in northern Vermont.

Mr. Bartlett has always had a peculiar interest in all classes of humanity and his business relations have brought him in contact with men under various conditions, yet he has learned to make himself cordially agreeable and to accept happily the eccentricities of others, and in the commonest transactions of life he conducts himself in such a manner that men are glad to meet him. His social nature brought him early into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, who advanced him from year to year till he held the highest position of the order in the state.

It was natural that he would take a lively interest in politics, and be very pronounced in his views, and zealous for the interests of his party, all of which brought him, almost without opposition, to the representation of his town in the house, and of his county in the senate.

*Sketch by Colonel Porter H. Dale.

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He has also served by appointment on the board of directors of the state prison and house of correction, and was a delegate to the last Republican National Convention.

He has been associated with many local enterprises, and at present is a director in the Island Pond National bank, and, besides his mercantile business, is carrying on extensive lumbering operations, with mills at Island Pond and Norton, and is operating the largest farm in this section recently purchased by him of A. M. Stetson of Boston. Twelve years ago Mr. Bartlett married Sarah E. Fletcher of Hyde Park. Philip Alvin is their only child.

It may well be said of him: He appreciates his endowments, has preserved his powers, knows the value of perseverance, is strong in the faith of his fathers, and apparently is entering upon many pleasant and successful years.

ELVIN M. BARTLETT.

NORCROSS, DR. EDWARD F., was born at Derby, Vermont, son of Rev. Austin and Annie (Nichols) Norcross. He attended the public

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schools and graduated from Randolph (Vermont) Normal school, and then pursued classical studies at Derby and Worcester academies. prominent pioneer, trapper, and

He studied medicine at the Howard university, Washington, District

large practice. He has always taken a deep interest in the cause of education, for in this lies the hope of our institutions and government. He has served the town as school director, chairman of the school board and superintendent of schools.

EDWARD F. NORCROSS, M. D.

of Columbia, and graduated from that institution in 1883. He then took a course at the Vermont Medical college at Burlington, graduating in 1884. In November of 1885 he located at Island Pond for the practice of his profession, where he has met with splendid success and a

Having taught school for thirty or more terms he had a thorough and practical knowledge of the requirements of these several offices. He has been health officer of Brighton for a large part of the time for the past eighteen years. In the winter of 1887-'88 Dr. Norcross

took up the study of pharmacy and dentistry in Washington, District of Columbia, and received a degree in both branches.

Dr. Norcross has not confined his time and energy entirely to professional and educational duties, but has occupied a large and useful sphere in the business life of this ever lively community. He has been identified with most every business enterprise that has been inaugurated since he located here, among which might be mentioned the electric light plant, the bank, and the telephone company.

Since coming to Island Pond, Dr. Norcross resided at the Stewart House until his marriage, November 24th, 1898, to Miss Elizabeth R. Bartlett, daughter of Hon. Alvin Bartlett. A son, Joseph Bartlett Norcross, born December 6th, 1901, died January 31st, 1903.

Dr. Norcross is a sturdy man and lets no condition nor element keep him from his duties; a man who says but little and means much, always to the point, considerate of others and ever ready to respond to a professional or needy call. Faithful to his friends and companionable to a fault, he has the ideal temperament for a family physician.

BISHOP, William Henry,* of Island Pond, is the son of John R. and Harriet (Kemp) Bishop, and was born at Margate, County of Kent, England, August 24th, 1851. Educated in the English schools of Margate, he came to America before he was eighteen years of age. He was employed for a time in the country and then went to Montreal, and later obtained a situation at Portland, Maine, on the Grand Trunk railway, where he was employed in different capacities for a number of years.

In 1878 he came to Island Pond, bought the *Essex County Herald*, about five years after its foundation. He edited and published the paper alone till 1899, when his son, Alfred E., became a partner in the firm of W. H. Bishop & Son, which still continues the publication of the *Herald*, together with a lucrative job printing business. The *Herald*, under the progressive management of Mr. Bishop, has always exercised a much wider influence than many county papers published in larger places, and for a far larger constituency.

He became a citizen of the United States in 1880, identified himself with the Republican party, and still consistently continues to advocate Republican principles. He has been a delegate to state and county conventions, a member of the Republican county committee for several years, and frequently its chairman.

He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and has held prominent positions in both orders.

Baptized in infancy, after the custom of his ancestors, in the parish church in Margate, and as a lad a member of its vested choir, he grew up a well-instructed and earnest, consistent Christian. On his arrival in America he immediately attached himself to St. George's church in Montreal, and when he came to Island Pond he transferred his membership to Christ church, of which he has been for twenty years its junior warden, and for several years licensed lay reader.

September 22d, 1875, he married

*Sketch by Rev. Edward P. Lee.

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Clara M., daughter of James and Matilda (Hayward) Wyatt. Five sons have been the issue of this marriage, Arthur William, August 19, 1876 (deceased), Alfred Ernest, born March 23d, 1878, William Henry, August 25th, 1880, Roy Archibald, November 13th, 1886, Hubert Stanley, April 14th, 1890.

WILLIAM H. BISHOP.

GANE, GEORGE A., son of John B. and Harriet (Trudell) Gane, was born in Quebec, March 1st, 1850, and at four years of age removed with his father's family to Island Pond. He received his education in the public schools. After completing his education he was employed as a clerk in the store of Gilkey and Dennison. In 1869, at the age of nineteen, he removed to Waltham, Massachusetts, where he became a bookkeeper for a year and later became a clerk in the dry goods house of F. Bryant. At the end of a year he bought the business and conducted it for three years.

He then sold out his interest and commenced in a small way the manufacture of custom-made shirts. A year later he went to Fitchburg,

where he continued in the same line for three years. He was then induced to remove to Leominster, Massachusetts, where he established the Leominster Shirt company. He later founded the Wachusett Shirt company, and was ten years manager and treasurer.

In 1895 Mr. Gane established the G. A. Gane Shirt company at Island Pond. This, as all other business enterprises of Mr. Gane, proved a marked success.

Here the same energy which has always characterized his operations has been brought to the business by his enterprise and sagacity. Mr. Gane has done much to promote the wealth, growth, and welfare of Island Pond and place himself in the front rank of New England manufacturers.

GEORGE A. GANE.

February 14th, 1873, he married Lizzie B., daughter of F. F. and Mary E. Clark of Waltham, and has four children, George L., Alfred A., Blanche T., and Elizabeth M.

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REEVE, JOHN, was born in
raunston, Northampton, England,
1826, and received his education
the public schools of that place
d at the age of fifteen years en-
red the railway service in which
sent Mr. Reeve to Island Pond as
its agent, where he has remained to
the present time. There could
hardly be a more eloquent tribute
to his steadfast faithfulness than
the fact of an uninterrupted service

JOHN REEVE.

has devoted more than sixty years
a long and busy life.
n 1863 he entered the employ of
Grand Trunk railway of Can-
, at Montreal, and the next year
transferred to Coaticook and
also made vice-consul at that
e. In 1867 the Grand Trunk
of forty years in a position where
energy, tact, and a splendid business
judgment are constantly required.

Island Pond being a customs
port, Mr. Reeve's duties are such as
to require a high order of executive
ability coupled with absolute integ-
rity and a keen sense of discrimin-

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ation. These qualities are possessed by Mr. Reeve to a marked degree.

Personally, few men of Island Pond are better or more favorably known than John Reeve, always cheerful, ever ready for a kind word or act, an earnest and consistent member of the Episcopal church, of which he was one of the seven to sign the original articles of association. He has won a place in the hearts and confidence of his fellow-townsmen. He is affiliated with Ashlar lodge, F. & A. M., of Coaticook.

He was united in marriage thirty years ago to the eldest daughter of the late William Brooke of Richmond, Quebec. Four children have blessed this happy union, viz., William Brooke, Marie Stuart, Beatrice Aylmer, and John Bissell.

DECHENE, A. O. The subject of this sketch was born in the province of Quebec in 1847, and came to Island Pond when twenty-one years of age. He entered the employ of the Grand Trunk road in 1867 as a locomotive clerk, which position he has held constantly since that time, which fact would indicate the possession of those steady and faithful qualities so much admired in man.

In 1869 Mr. Dechene married Miss Ida Needham of Island Pond. There were by this union two children, Amos L. and Helen May, the latter only lived a few months, the mother also being taken away in 1875.

In 1882 he was united in marriage to Miss Hattie M. Ladd of Island Pond, and by this marriage one child, Ivy Isidora, was born. The mother and baby were taken away after a few months sickness in 1887. In 1895 he married Mrs. Flora A. Bigelow of Island Pond.

Mr. Dechene has always enjoyed a marked degree of confidence and

A. O. Dechene.

favor from his associates. For several years he was town auditor and in 1900 was chosen to represent Brighton in the Vermont legislature, being the first Democrat to be thus honored. He has served as chairman of both the town and county Democratic committees.

He is affiliated with both the Odd Fellows and Masonic fraternity and has served as district deputy grand master and patriarch of the Odd Fellows.

BLAKE, H. W., born in Orford, N. H., November 18, 1876, son of Manfred W. and Rose Blake. The senior Blake moved to Bradford, Vt., November, 1889, to get better schools for his children. Herbert attended the Bradford High school

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two years and part of a third, passed his examinations for Dartmouth college, June, 1894, and entered that institution the following fall, and was graduated with the class of 1898, being elected commencement treasurer and permanent secretary of his class. The college course was much broken on account of his father's being crippled by a falling building in the first year, after which he was entirely dependent on his own exertions to complete his education. He taught school at Groveton, N. H., during the winter of 1895-'96 and the grammar school at Warren, N. H., the winter of 1897-'98. Mr. Blake was elected principal of the high and graded schools of Barton Landing, Vt., immediately

H. W. Blake.

after graduation from college, where he remained two terms. He worked as section hand on the Passumpsic division, B. & M. R. R., the summer of 1896, and as passenger brakeman for the same company during the summers of 1897-'98-'99. Mr. Blake was appointed deputy collector and inspector of U. S. customs November, 1899, and assigned to the port of Island Pond, where he has remained since. He studied law during his spare time under direction of Col. Porter H. Dale, and was admitted to the Vermont bar January 27, 1903.

Mr. Blake has an attractive home on Pleasant street. His family consists of his father, aunt, and sister. He is a member of the M. E. church and of several of its auxiliary societies; charter member of Oswegatchie lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, in which he has filled several offices. In politics he is a Republican.

JONES, Leonard Burton, was born at Brighton, Vt., October 17, 1875; educated at the Island Pond High school and St. Johnsbury academy. After graduation from the latter institution he entered the employ of A. Bartlett & Son as bookkeeper. October 1, 1897, he received an appointment in the customs service in the district of Memphremagog, and is at present a deputy collector at the port of Island Pond, Vt. June 26, 1902, he married Augusta Shirley White of Island Pond, Vt.

While Mr. Jones has never taken the bar examinations, he is conversant with common and statute law, and has considerable oratorical ability, being a fluent yet concise speaker, ever keeping to the thread of his argument and bringing out the main points in a forceful manner. He takes a lively interest in educational matters, being a member of the board of trustees of the

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public library and one of the local school directors. Considering his age, Mr. Jones stands well as a financier, being a stockholder in the

LEONARD B. JONES.

Jones Clothing Store at Island Pond, and a director of the Cushman Rankin Leather-board company, at Lyndon, Vt.

Whatever success Mr. Jones may have attained may be attributed to his natural energy and ability. Having contributed largely to the expense of his education, he learned the value of both time and money, and has since utilized each to good advantage.

BOSWORTH, A. W., Jr., son of A. W. and Emeline D. Bosworth, was born at Gallion, O., October 31, 1853. When four years of age his parents moved to Wisconsin and in 1873 he went to St. Croix county and engaged in the retail hardware trade until 1898, when he accepted a traveling position with a heavy hardware house of St. Paul.

January 1, 1900, Mr. Bosworth purchased the Brighton Store company's business and organized the Bosworth Store company in April of that year. The house at once took, and has constantly held a leading place in the retail trade resources of Essex county. Mr. Bosworth enjoys a marked degree of popularity among the commercial men of Island Pond and is president of the Business Men's association, a live society for the building and shaping of the industrial and commercial life of the town.

Mr. Bosworth married Miss Lilla J. Robinson of Island Pond. By the union one son was born, Robin-

A. W. BOSWORTH.

son Bosworth, a medical student in Jefferson Medical college of Philadelphia. Mrs. Bosworth died December 4, 1901.

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DAVIS, MORTIMER C., was born in the town of Elmore, Vermont, in 1836, son of Samuel and Laura Davis. He was educated in the common schools of his native town and Charleston, to which place he moved when twelve years of age.

Twenty years ago Mr. Davis located in Brighton and few men are better or more favorably known. Seldom has one brought to the busy career a better physique than he, and coupled with natural push, energy, and an aptitude for large things, he has probably done as much as any other one man in the building up of Island Pond village.

For fifteen years Mr. Davis conducted the Essex House and for ten years he served Essex county as a deputy sheriff, and Brighton as collector of taxes. Forty-three years ago he married May Eveline Cole of East Charleston, and went into business for himself, running store, hotel, mills, and farming, and did more building in that place in twenty years than any other six men.

He had five children, born at East Charleston, all deceased except Oscar. He has now dropped nearly all outside business and attends to his farms, of which he has quite a number, situated in Brighton, Charleston, and Morgan.

Oscar Davis was born in 1865. He was educated in the common schools of Charleston and Derby academy. He taught school one winter and was clerk in the Essex House ten years.

He inherited many of the splendid traits of his father—independence, willingness to hustle, and work—which brought him, for a young man, a marked degree of success.

He is proprietor of the Holland and Morgan Telephone company and under his proprietorship improvement has been the order of the day until it is recognized as one of the best conducted lines in New England.

In 1891 he was married to Mary McGookin of Manchester, New Hampshire, and there he learned the photograph business and then came back to Island Pond and built

MORTIMER C. DAVIS.

the Photograph block, where he now lives. He has, with the help of his wife and others, done a paying business in that line for the past ten years. He is also coal dealer, having already handled over fifty thousand dollars' worth of coal.

CLARK, GEORGE L., was born in Holland, Vt., August 3, 1835, son of Leonard and Wealthy (Remick) Clark. His education, so far as relates to the outward forms, was had in the common schools, but the ac-

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quisition of the substances and practicable essentials of education he continued in every-day life until he acquired more than an ordinary practical education. He taught school seven terms very successfully.

Mr. Clark came to Island Pond in 1864 and with his brother, Henry, built the Clark block. He has al-

GEORGE L. CLARK.

ways been on the working side of everything. He has taken a lively interest in local public affairs, and has been thorough, energetic, and absolutely independent.

President McKinley appointed him postmaster of Island Pond, and under his administration much improvement in the office was noted. Always courteous and considerate, ever ready to accommodate and aid, Mr. Clark has won a host of friends and enjoys a justly earned popularity.

HALL, REV. THOMAS. The Rev. Thomas Hall, pastor of the Congregational church, Brighton (Island Pond), was born and educated in Ireland. His first pastorate was in the city of Dublin. From there he was sent by the Colonial Missionary society, London, to St. John's, Newfoundland, as pastor of that historic church, and superintendent of education and missions in that country. He remained in this position for thirteen years, when he was called to the pastorate of the Second Congregational church in the city of Kingston. After a short pastorate he was elected superintendent of home missions for the Dominion, which position he filled with great success and acceptance for a period of eight years.

He had a brief pastorate in Clayton, N. Y. During this time the church erected a beautiful edifice and doubled its membership.

The Congregationalists of Montreal decided to have a new cause in Point St. Charles, and after opening a church, free of debt, the committee chose Mr. Hall for the work. Here he remained five years and left a membership of two hundred and a Sunday-school of similar dimensions and a large congregation.

His next field of labor was Melbourne, Quebec, where he spent about four years. A dual pastorate, with churches seven miles apart, proved too laborious and he accepted a call to his present charge four years ago. He has identified himself most thoroughly with both local and state interests. His congregation has grown considerably and is influential for good in the town.

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He is a staunch teetotaler and an ardent advocate of prohibition. He is evangelical in doctrine and evangelistic in spirit and takes a constant interest in the young, both in the public school and the Sunday-school. His wife, a charming woman, is a daughter of the late Robert Buchanan, Esq., J. P., of Levis, Quebec. They have had a

REV. THOMAS HALL.

family of five sons and four daughters. The eldest daughter, Martha Craford, deceased nine years ago, and one of his sons, James Oliver, was killed in action in 1900 while his regiment, the Ninth U. S. infantry, was forcing an entrance into Peking, China, to relieve the foreign legations and missionaries imperiled by the Boxer rising. Mr. Hall is over sixty, but vigorous and youthful in manner and matter.

ANDREW, JOSEPH, was born in Bradley's Vale (now Concord), Vt., June 1, 1834. At the age of twenty years (in 1855) he married Miss Lucinda Jenkins of East Burke, who died January 5, 1880, leaving a daughter, Mrs. Leone R. Cook, of Yarmouth, Me. November 23, 1881, he married Miss Mabelle Peckham of Lynn, Mass. To them four children were born, three of whom are living.

He came to Island Pond to reside in 1856, and the year following he entered the service of the Grand Trunk Railway company, and his quick mastery of the philosophy which pertains to the construction and use of the engine soon promoted him to the position of engineer, which position he held until 1895, when failing health compelled him to relinquish it. He was a cool, careful, attentive, and industrious man in respect to his work. He was, everywhere that he was known, recognized as a genius in his line and work. He was a man of exact and sedulous deportment before the public and was much respected.

He represented Brighton in the state legislature in 1868 and 1876, and he applied his characteristic care and industry to the work of legislation.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge, and as master in 1869-'70 and again in 1882-'83, and in whatever position he held in it, he did thorough, systematic work.

He was much interested in the cause of education and did much to improve the condition of the schools, occupying different positions in the school system, including chairman of the board, and contributed good

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work to make the town system of schools popular.

In March, 1881, he united with the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOSEPH ANDREW.

He was highly esteemed by the church for his loyalty to it and interest in its success.

In his intercourse with others he was genial, friendly, kind, and accommodating, generous to the poor and unfortunate, and always conducted himself in the presence of his associates and acquaintances in a gentlemanly and dignified manner.

Thus passed away a kind husband, father, and friend, and a man who left in the memory of all the impress of a positive, thorough, and efficient man in whatever he undertook.

HOBSON, NATHAN, was born in Hollis, Maine, April 3, 1823, son of William and Ann Hobson. He attended the old district school and is a striking illustration of what—not much advanced schooling but a generous amount of brains and integrity will do. In 1847 he married Betsey Smith of Buxton, Maine. There were three children born to them, Anna, now Mrs. W. W. Lombard, Frank W. of Minneapolis, and a girl, who died in infancy.

In 1859 Mr. Hobson came to Island Pond as agent for the Island Pond Lumber Co., with whom he remained six years. He was then appointed customs inspector and remained in the service of the government for ten years, since which time he has followed a mercantile career. He has served the town in the various offices, and for forty years has been a justice of the peace. In

NATHAN HOBSON.

1890 he represented Brighton in the general assembly of Vermont. In 1902 he was elected assistant judge of Essex county, which office he still

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holds. He has been a director of the Island Pond National bank ever since the chartering of that institution and is its present vice-president.

In 1892 he was altenate delegate to the national convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota; is steward of M. E. church.

Mr. Hobson has always enjoyed to a marked degree, the public confidence and esteem, and has been ever foremost in all public matters. Faithful and conscientious in every trust reposed upon him, he is now enjoying the "well done" from an appreciative community, whose interests he has always so faithfully served.

CARPENTER, ORA M. The present postmaster of Island Pond, Ora M. Carpenter, son of Hon. Charles and Betsey N. (Hinman) Carpenter, was born at West Charleston,

ORA M. CARPENTER.

November 23, 1861. He attended the public schools of West Charleston and the St. Johnsbury academy. After completing his education, a year was spent at Newport, two years at Lisbon, N. H., after which he returned to West Charleston.

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Having a strong desire to see the great West, Mr. Carpenter spent three and a half years in western Kansas and four years at St. Joseph, Missouri. Returning to Vermont, he located at Island Pond. He has, until recently, always been connected with the mercantile business, and was for a time associated with his father at West Charleston.

For three years prior to September 1, 1901, he was assistant postmaster of Island Pond. Upon the resignation of Postmaster George L. Clark, President McKinley, on August 12, 1901, appointed Mr. Carpenter postmaster, and his commission bears one of the last sixteen official signatures of our martyred president. January 13, 1902, President Roosevelt reappointed Mr. Carpenter for four years.

In 1886 he married Miss Jennie C. Clark of West Charleston, Vermont.

HOBSON, Samuel Decatur, of Island Pond, son of Samuel and Hannah (Sawyer) Hobson, was born in Hollis, Maine, October 5th, 1830.

Mr. Hobson is of English descent and was educated in the common schools and at Limerick academy. In 1852 he removed to Island Pond and aided in the erection of the first building in the village. He continued the business of builder and contractor until 1857, when he was engaged by Isaac Dyer of Portland as foreman in his mill and lumber business, and he remained with him two years, when he became the agent of St. John Smith of the same place, whose interest he soon purchased. After continuing here for three years Mr. Hobson bought the Woodbury mills at East Brighton, in 1866. The mill burned in September, 1891, but he still resides at East Brighton, directing the work on his large farm.

Mr. Hobson was united in marriage in January, 1854, to Mary E., daughter of Eben and Sarah (Haley) Sawyer, of Hollis, Maine. To them have been born Harry Howard, Helen M. (Mrs. K. B. Fletcher, Jr., of Lancaster, New Hampshire), John E. (deceased), Eugene F. (now of the firm of Robert O. Law & Company, 351 Dearborn street, Chicago, Illinois), Sarah M. (now practising medicine at 214 Fifty-first street, Chicago, Illinois), Albion W. (now of the firm of Scott, Foresman & Company, educational publishers, 388 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Illinois), Mary C. (Mrs. C. B. Tewksbury, 14 Landseer street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts), Elsie G. (at the head of the Michigan seminary, Kalamazoo, Michigan).

Mr. Hobson is an active and influential Republican. Having performed the duties of the various town offices he was chosen to the legislature in 1856 and again in 1882 and 1883. The following year he was elected to the senate from Essex county, and was appointed by Governor Dillingham a member of the board of trustees to locate and build the new state asylum for the insane. In 1860 he received the honor of an election as assistant judge of the county court.

Judge Hobson is a liberal and public-spirited man, of strong temperance views and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He possesses good judgment and remarkable energy, in consequence of which he has been financially successful.

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S. D. Hobson

more to increase the grand list of Brighton than any other man. He has built buildings, laid out streets, improved real estate generally, until to-day he is regarded, and justly, too, as a foremost citizen of the town.

In 1875 he married Rose E. Stevens of Charleston. One child has been the fruit of the union, Iva B. (now Mrs. Dr. A. E. Parlin of Barton Landing).

Mr. Sweeney conducts a large real estate business and is one of the promoters of the electric light plant at West Charleston.

MARKS, S. EVERETT. Mr. Marks was born at Blue Hill, Me., March 2, 1874, son of Sewall A. and Margaret S. Marks.

S. EVERETT MARKS.

At the age of sixteen Mr. Marks began his career as a teacher in the district schools of his native town, since which time he has been princi-

pal of the grammar school at Blue Hill, Me.; principal of School Street grammar school, Ellsworth, Me.; principal Blue Hill academy, Blue Hill, Me.; principal Limington academy, Limington, Me.; vice-principal Greely institute, Cumberland Centre, Maine.

JOHN W. THURSTON.

At present writing Mr. Marks is superintendent of public schools of the town of Brighton, Vt., and principal of the high and graded school of that town.

Mr. Marks came to Vermont in September, 1902, and since assuming his present position the attendance at the high school has more than doubled, which fact is a good indication of his popularity as an educator.

He was united in marriage November 18, 1901, to Miss Lucy M. Emery of Limington, Maine.

THURSTON, JOHN W., was born in Portland, Maine, November 10th, 1859, and came to Island Pond with his parents in early childhood. He received his education in the public schools and then entered the employ of the Grand Trunk railway, where he remained for eleven years, having been advanced from one position to another until he was familiar with all the important

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clerical positions in the various offices. In 1886 he was appointed to a position in the customs service and remained in office during President Cleveland's first administration. In 1890 he, in company with Henry Fitzgerald, bought out the drug business of J. C. Rawson; in 1893 he bought out Mr. Fitzgerald's interest and under his sole proprietorship this establishment has done an ever-increasing business. In 1893, when President Cleveland again came into office, Mr. Thurston was appointed deputy in charge of the customs service, port of Island Pond, and held this office to the entire satisfaction of all concerned until 1897.

Mr. Thurston has held the various town offices and is now selectman. In 1902 he was elected to represent Brighton in the state legislature. In 1881 he married Miss Kate Furber of Canaan, Maine.

ROBINSON, GEORGE S., is one of Island Pond's most respected and conservative citizens. A man of unassuming manner but genial and cheery personality he has become a fixture in the town's progress and an important factor in its continued prosperity.

Mr. Robinson was born in the town of Brownington, the son of Dr. Elijah and Eliza (Smith) Robinson, on the 16th of January, 1839, but his parents moved to the neighboring town of Charleston while he was yet an infant. Here he passed his boyhood and early manhood. It was in Charleston that he cast his first ballot and it was for the election of Abraham Lincoln. Soon after, under President Lincoln's administration, he was appointed postmaster of his town and held this office until he moved to Island Pond, several years later. Here, in company with his brother, Dr. D. A. Robinson, now of Coaticook, P. Q., he opened a drug store and for eight years devoted himself to it. Then, in 1876, he was elected town clerk of the town of Brighton, which office he has annually been reëlected to. In 1877 Mr. Robinson was made town treasurer and has administered the affairs of these two im-

GEORGE S. ROBINSON.

portant positions in a manner that admitted of no questioning.

In addition to the offices of town clerk and treasurer, Mr. Robinson has devoted some time to the insurance business, representing some of the best known and most reliable companies, as would be characteristic of him in any representative capacity. In 1885 Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Flora Clark of Charleston, Vermont.

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Mr. Robinson joined the Masons in this town in 1860 and is one of the men oldest in the order in town. For nearly twenty-five years he has been a conscientious upholder and member of the Methodist church,

EDWARD J. PARSONS.

much of this time one of the stewards of the society. He was sent to the legislature as representative of his town in 1888.

PARSONS, EDWARD J., was born in Portland, Maine, October 7th, 1856, son of Charles E. and Mary A. Parsons. When three years of age Mr. Parsons' parents removed to Boston, Massachusetts. It was here that he obtained his education, graduating from the English High school. After completing his school course he entered the employ of George B. James, a lumber dealer. He was later sent to Norton Mills, Vermont, to look after the interests of Mr. James, but remained only eight months, when he was transferred to Island Pond in a like capacity. Two years later he entered the employ of George H. Fitzgerald,

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with whom he has been constantly connected for a quarter of a century. Upon the organization of the Fitzgerald Lumber company, he became its secretary and treasurer, which position he still holds.

For twenty-one years he has held the office of justice of the peace and has conducted the major part of the business of the justice's court of Island Pond during that time. The duties devolving upon him have been discharged with firmness and ability and yet tempered with mercy and a splendid consideration for the unfortunate.

In 1878 Mr. Parsons was united in marriage with Miss Minnie A. Nelson of Boston. One child, a girl, Lona, has blessed the union.

He has long been identified with the fraternal life of his town, being an Odd Fellow, a Knight Templar, a 32° Mason, and a member of the Eastern Star, and has served the latter body as its Grand Patron.

STORRS, JUDGE DAVID S.,* was a son of Aaron and Eliza (Smith) Storrs. He was born at Randolph, Vermont, December 4, 1834; and educated at the local schools, at the Orange county grammar school and at Meriden, New Hampshire. He read law with Lyman C. Chandler at Rockaway, New Jersey, with Hon. Philander Perrin at Randolph, and with the late Colonel R. C. Benton at Hyde Park, Vermont. June 1, 1861, he was appointed collector of customs at the port of Island Pond, and in 1864 he resigned that position and went into full practice. He was state's attorney for Essex county from 1864 to 1868, and then postmaster for the town of Brighton, which town he represented in the state legislature in 1874, and then represented the county in the senate in 1876. He was judge of probate for the district of Essex from 1880 to 1884, and was again elected to that office in 1892 and 1894. He was tax commissioner for the unorganized lands in the county for many years and was constantly engaged in other offices and business. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

On the 7th day of September, 1863, he married Sarah A. Robinson, a daughter of the late J. C. Robinson. To them were born two sons, Carl R. and George E. The eldest married a daughter of former Lieutenant-Governor Mansur, and is connected with the United States customs service at Newport, Vermont. The younger, a brilliant and scholarly young man, became principal of the Bethel school and suddenly died, amid sanguine hopes of the future, on the 28th day of November, 1894.

As a lawyer, Judge Storrs was fearless and thorough, close, epigrammatic, and terse. As an office lawyer he was among the very best. Although he had high ideals of professional accomplishments and rewards and was somewhat impatient at their slow coming, he quickly adapted himself to realities. He very soon brought respect for his work and opinions, and himself into close contact with his surroundings. No man went from him unheard because of poverty. He despised no man's cause simply because others did. In all his encounters with others he was incisive, plucky, and sometimes rash, but always just and generous. If he ever rained bitter words, they cleared away at once and

*Sketch by Hon. George N. Dale.

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were followed by demonstrations most kind and friendly.

His life seemed short and busy. Yet almost every bark that started on the sea of life with him went down before his, and whether in storm or in calm, on the wave in the hollow of the sea, he never lost his courage or his fidelity to friend, client, party, or cause.

Our friend met everything in life squarely, and on July 2, 1895, he met death in the same manner. When death assails a man, then returns to its attacks with open purposes and designs, and compels him to constant resistance for many long months with a full knowledge of the terrible odds against him, ever pursuing him, never retreating, always

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afflicting, never relieving, and in the midst of its overwhelming impositions strikes down a valiant son by his side, it is terrible, and incredible that it can be met with consistency and courage. Yet it was by our friend who in his last hours as calmly and as deliberately considered his situation as he ever did any subject in his life. How can his sorrowing friends be despondent in the presence of such magnificent courage, and while they remember him saying, "For myself I am content; I only feel for those I leave behind me."

GRANBY.

Population, Census of 1900, 182.

The town of Granby was granted to Elihu Hall and sixty-three others, October 10, 1761, by Benning Wentworth, the royal governor of New Hampshire under King George III.

Joseph Herrick and Benjamin Cheney were the first settlers of the town, and at a meeting held in Guildhall, June 14, 1790, they were granted two lots each for "being the first settlers of Granby."

At a meeting held in Guildhall, June 2, 1791, a committee was appointed to lay out and clear a road through Granby and complete the same as soon as possible. It was completed before snow fell that fall, and at a cost of £174 13s 6d.

The first birth in the town was that of Herd Cheney, son of Benjamin and Ennice Cheney, and occurred September 16, 1791. Anna Pike's death, July 13, 1795, is recorded as the first in the town. The following year the first wedding took place, when Samuel Hart and Susanna Herrick were joined in wedlock March 31.

It was not until March, 1798, that the first town-meeting was held.

The town, as then organized, continued to hold annual meetings until 1815, when the organization was abandoned and the records turned over to the county clerk. On January 10, 1822, the town was reorganized. The organization of that time has continued to the present time.

Granby has produced some splendid sturdy sons, whose intelligence, strength of character and influence have been potent in the affairs of the county. Perhaps no better example is found than that of the Wells family.

WELLS, Loomis, late of Granby, was born in 1815 at Tolland, Massachusetts, and came to Vermont when a boy, locating for a short time at Lunenburg, then removing to Victory, when that place was an unorganized township. When in 1840 that town was organized Loomis Wells was chosen as its first representative to the general assembly of Vermont.

He soon after located in Granby, where he at once received a most conspicuous place among his fellow-townsmen. For thirty years he was one of the selectmen, four times he was sent to the general assembly as their representative, and in 1870 was a member of the constitutional convention. For forty years he or some member of his family has been postmaster of Granby.

Mr. Wells was thrice married. His first wife was Adeline Farr of Littleton, New Hampshire, whom he married December 20, 1842. She bore him six children, Jean (Mrs. Melvin A. Willson of Granby), Betsey E., Lucy, Addie, Joseph L., and

Hettie (Mrs. Charles W. Matthews of Granby). Mrs. Wells died April 4, 1874, and he married for his second wife Mrs. Hannah C. (Redfield) Farnham of St. Johnsbury. She died November 24, 1879, and he married Lucy I. Wilson of Barton. Mr. Wells died September 24, 1890.

LOOMIS WELLS.

WELLS, JOSEPH LOOMIS, son of Loomis and Adeline (Farr) Wells, was born in Granby, October 20, 1853. He attended the public schools of Granby and St. Johnsbury academy. After completing his education he took up farming and the lumber business. Along both lines Mr. Wells has been a conspicuous success. He has a farm of some 450 acres, the finest barn in town, a sugar place containing a thousand splendid trees, and keeps a hundred head of stock. This splendid and modernly conducted farm is a producer to a marked extent. In 1879 Mr. Wells married Lella A. Bruce of Brownington. They had no children. For his second wife he married Eva L. Parker of Sutton, in 1881. They have had three children, Edith L. (deceased), Dwight L., and Edna A.

JOSEPH L. WELLS.

MATTHEWS, CHARLES W., was born in Granby, August 31, 1851, son of Jonathan and Nancy T. (Bell) Matthews. The Matthews family have long been residents of Granby, Jonathan locating in the town in 1838.

Charles W. Matthews received his education in the district schools of his native town and at St. Johnsbury academy, and then took up farming by settling on the old homestead. He has held all the various town offices. For nearly twenty years he has been town clerk and treasurer. He has served as county commissioner and represented his town in

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the general assembly of Vermont in 1880 and again in 1892. Mr. Matthews is a man highly esteemed by his fellow- townsmen and his advice and judgment are frequently sought and always found sound.

June 25, 1879, he was united in marriage with Hettie, youngest daughter of Loomis and Adeline (Farr) Wells. They have one child, Leila. Mrs. Matthews has for many years served as postmistress of Granby.

GLEASON, B. C., was born in Lunenburg in 1845, son of Charles and Harriet (Silsby) Gleason. When fifteen years of age he came to Granby, where he has always made his home.

B. C. Gleason enlisted from St. Johnsbury, Vt., as a private, November 6, 1863, in Company B, Eleventh regiment, Vermont volunteers, and was mustered into service December 5, 1863, under Capt. Edward P. Lee—the regiment under the command of Colonel James M. Warren. Was assigned to the Vermont brigade, Second division, Sixth corps, from April 1 to June 1, 1864. He was confined in hospital at Georgetown, suffering with smallpox. After recovering he returned to his regiment and participated in the battles of Weldon Railroad, June 23, 1864; Fort Stevens, Maryland, July 11, 1864; Charlestown, West Virginia, August 21, 1864; Winchester, Virginia, September 19, 1864; Fisher's Hill, Virginia, September 21, 22, 1864; Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864; he was slightly wounded in the foot September 19, 1864, by a gun shot; April 2, 1865, was in the battle of Petersburg; followed Lee in April, 1865, till he surrendered. After Lee surrendered he was put on a march to reinforce General Sherman, making a march of 110 miles. The order was countermanded. He fell back to Richmond, Virginia; then was put on a hard march to Washington, District of Columbia; then went on the big review in the city of Washington.

In 1875 Mr. Gleason was married to Ella Emery of Guildhall and has had two children, Walter H. and Hattie D., and an adopted daughter, Gertrude M.

He has always followed farming and his sound judgment and good business qualities have long been recognized by his fellow-townsmen, and he has been frequently called to serve them in public office. He has served as selectman three years, school director three years, lister two years, and in 1900 represented Granby in the state legislature. In each position care, judgment, and absolute integrity has ever characterized his acts.

The home farm comprises some 200 acres, and thirty head of cattle are kept; there is also a good sugar place on the premises.

Walter H. Gleason is now serving Granby as road commissioner.

WILLSON, Melvin A., was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, July 31, 1847, son of Sydney and Lucy (Boutwell) Willson.

At six years of age he was left to his own resources by the death of his father, and located in Victory, Vermont. A very little education was obtained at Lunenburg and Lyndon, but nature had richly endowed him with that which no school could give, a sound, solid

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common sense and a keen and accurate knowledge of men.

September 13, 1864, at the age of seventeen, he enlisted in Company K, Eighth regiment, Vermont volunteers. He saw service in the Shenandoah valley and was discharged from the service, May 13, 1865. When he returned from the war he located in Granby, purchasing his present farm March 6th, 1872. He married Jean, daughter of Loomis and Adeline (Farr) Wells. Seven children have been born to them, Addie L., Sidney L., Leonard H., Samuel G., Oscar M., John H., and Dora M.

In politics Mr. Willson is a Republican of the clean, straightforward and independent type, who

MELVIN A. WILLSON.

places public duty above party obligations. He has held the various town offices and in 1884 represented Granby in the general assembly.

SHORES, ARTHUR, a native of Granby and son of Wilbur and Flora (Wilson) Shores, received his education in the public schools

ARTHUR SHORES.

of the town, and has always been a farmer. Has served his town six years as a school director, two years as selectman, and in 1902 represented Granby in the state legislature.

He married Mamie Austin in 1895 and their union has been blessed by two children, Vernon A. and Vera B.

VICTORY.

Population, Census of 1900, 321.

The town of Victory was granted to Captain Ebenezer Fisk and sixty-four others in the fall of 1780 and September 6, 1781, the charter was issued. The township embraces 25,540 acres of land, the greater part of which has been lumbered; the surface of the town is moun-

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tainous. Victory has some splendid farms and a large sawmill at Damon's Crossing. A railroad runs nearly the entire length of the town, thus affording ample facilities for handling the lumber industry.

Victory dates her first settlement from 1812, when James Elliot located here, his son, Curtis Elliot, being the first child born in the town. Victory was organized in 1841. The meeting for that purpose was called by Ansel Hannum, J. P.; Loomis Wells was chosen first town clerk and treasurer. March 24, 1858, the first post-office in the town was established and Nott S. Damon was made postmaster.

The people of Victory are of the sturdy New England type, who possess much energy and ability. Good schools are maintained under the able direction of Mrs. Daniel J. Lunnie, who has done much for the cause of education in the town.

FORD, CHARLES H., son of George W. and Susan (Howe) Ford, was born October 11th, 1845, in Holden, Massachusetts. He comes of good New England stock. His father was a worthy farmer and a soldier who served in the Fourteenth New Hampshire Volunteer regiment until he was discharged for disability, and died four years after his return from the army, at the age of fifty-three. Susan Howe Ford traces a direct lineage to the original ancestor who landed from the Mayflower, and is still living with her son, with mental faculties bright and well preserved, at the venerable age of eighty-four. Charles H. Ford resided in Holden with the family until he was eleven years old, and subsequently three years in Kirby, Vermont, and two years in Concord. Enlisting in August, 1864, at the age of nineteen in the Fourth Massachusetts cavalry, he was soon assigned to detached service as a mounted courier at First division headquarters, Twenty-fourth Army corps, where he witnessed and participated in the stirring events of the last great advance on Richmond and Petersburg, saw the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, and was honorably discharged at Richmond, Virginia, May 22d, 1865. After his return from the service he was for a time ward master in the Massachusetts asylum for the insane at Worcester. He married Miss Viella Farmer of Plymouth, New Hampshire, in 1866, and engaged in farming. He moved to North Concord, Vermont, in 1873, and after ten years of hard and successful work as a farmer and teamster, bought his present farm at Victory hill. It is a good upland dairy farm of 200 acres, with sugar place and orchard, and Mr. Ford, a thrifty and careful farmer, has greatly improved it. Mr. Ford has been an important factor in the affairs of Victory, and has filled every office in the gift of his townsmen except town clerk and superintendent, and has often declined public office. In 1888 he was a member of the legislature and served with industry and conscientiousness.

Charles H. and Viella (Farmer) Ford are the parents of eight children, six of whom are living: William H. is a prosperous merchant and manufacturer at Lowell, Massachusetts, an inventor and superintendent of a plant for the manufacture of jewelry; George O. is located as a farmer near the paternal farm; Mattie M. is the wife of

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Daniel Murchie of Victory; Flora J. is the wife of Charles A. McFarland of St. Johnsbury. The two sturdy sons, Clarence E. and Harry F., aged

CHARLES H. FORD.

respectively seventeen and fourteen, are able assistants of their father on the home farm, and participate in the enjoyments of a modest competence and hospitable home.

RAINEY, CHARLES H., born in Pickering, Canada West, in 1854, son of William and Sarah (Edwards) Rainey. He received his education in the schools of his native town. When fifteen years of age he went to New Hampshire. Fifteen years ago he located in Victory, where he has always enjoyed the esteem of his fellow-townsmen. For three years he served the town as a school director and for the past ten years has been constable and tax collector, which responsible position he still holds. In 1900 he served as town representative in the Vermont legislature, the duties of which position he discharged with fidelity and ability.

April 27, 1889, Mr. Rainey was married to Della Allin of Maidstone, Vermont.

Mr. Rainey enjoys a wide acquaintance and is a wide-awake and valued citizen of sound judgment, whose counsel is often sought in many matters of both a private

CHARLES H. RAINEY.

and public nature. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

BOYCE, HEMAN J., was born in Hyde Park, Vermont, June 29, 1862, son of Joseph D. and Ellen (Manning) Boyce. Joseph D. Boyce served two years in Company I, First Vermont cavalry. This famous regiment was in seventy-one engagements. Although receiving a severe sabre wound, Mr. Boyce served his en-

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listment and was mustered out at the close of the war.

Heman J. Boyce received his education in the district schools of Hyde Park. In 1883 he came to Victory to work in the mills. Here he met and married, in 1886, Susan E. Buckminster of that town, daughter of Salmon and Harriet (Morse) Buckminster, both natives of Concord, Vermont, who removed to Victory in 1868, to the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Boyce.

Mr. Boyce has served his adopted town three years as one of the selectmen and three years as road commissioner. They have two children, Ray E., born in 1888, and Marjorie C., born in 1892. Mrs. Boyce is

HEMAN J. BOYCE.

now serving as town clerk and treasurer of Victory.

GALLUP, O. M. was born at Wakefield, N. B., March 21, 1838, son of Amos and Emoline Gallup. Mr. Gallup's father was a prominent farmer and business man and the son inherited much of the push, energy, and get-there qualities of the

O. M. GALLUP.

elder Gallup. He early commenced railroad building, his first work being the Hopkinton & Milford railroad. He next built the Acton & Nashua railroad, then went to Woods River Junction, R. I., and constructed the railroad there, and afterwards the larger part of the Kingston & Narragansett road. He soon came to Vermont and built forty-one miles of road, from the town of Johnson to the lake. He then constructed the Profile & Franconia Notch railroad, opening up this important summer resort in the White Mountains. Later he built the docks at Swanton, and the Champlain House at Maquam bay. His next enterprise was the link connecting Bethlehem, N. H., with

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the main line, and after this he constructed thirteen miles of railroad to Maquam bay and Rouse's Point.

He came to Victory in 1880, and, with C. H. Stevens, bought the mill now known as Gallup's Mills. At this time there was not a good highway in the place. He at once, and at his own expense, surveyed a route for a railroad, and by his own personal exertions secured a large part of the subscription for the enterprise, contributing $1,500 on his own account. Then he took the contract to build the road at a losing price, that the town might receive the benefit of it. In 1893 he built the road to the marble quarries at Rutland.

Mr. Gallup served the town of Victory in the Vermont legislature of 1892. He has always taken great interest in every movement that would benefit the community and has ever been a liberal contributor to all worthy enterprises, having donated land for the schools and churches of the place.

LUNNIE, DANIEL J. The present representative of the town of Victory to the general assembly of Vermont, Daniel J. Lunnie, was born in Maple Grove, New Ireland, P. Q., January, 1860, son of James and Jane (Lynaugh) Lunnie.

In 1881 Mr. Lunnie settled in Victory, and has served the town as lister, school director, overseer of the poor and selectman. He is affiliated with the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Lunnie has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Anna McGinnis whom he married in 1882. By this union one child was born, Effie, now Mrs. Stephen Haviland of West Concord, Vt. In 1888 he was united in marriage to Miss Almira Ranney of West Concord, Vt. Three children have blessed this union, Hazel M., Pearl M., and Harold W.

Mrs. Lunnie is the present superintendent of schools of the town of Victory and has for many years been a valued and popular teacher. At the March meeting of 1903, Mrs. Lunnie was elected town clerk, but owing to her many duties resigned, and the board of selectmen appointed Mrs. Heman J. Boyce to fill out the term.

DANIEL J. LUNNIE.

LYNAUGH, JOHN R. Mr. Lynaugh was born in Canada in 1831, and came to Kirby when seventeen years of age. He served a year and a half in the Civil war. Twenty-six years ago he located in Victory, where he has always since that time resided. He served the town as justice of peace, town grand juror,

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and is now serving his third term as selectman.

Forty-seven years ago Mr. Lynaugh married Bridget Cassedy of Wolfetown, Can. By this union eleven children have been born. Two died in infancy, and Alice M. died in April, 1892. The living children are Mary J., wife of Peter Kennedy of Kirby; John G.; Carrie, wife of Frank Kallum; Frank, Allen, Arthur, Frederick, and Dora, wife of Lizzem Forrest.

RIVERS, DENNIS. The subject of this sketch was born in Victory in 1870, son of Frederick and Eliza A. (Isham) Rivers. He attended the public schools of Victory and has always been identified with farm and mill work.

DENNIS RIVERS.

He was united in marriage May 2, 1894, with Miss May Jock of Concord, Vermont, and by the union they have one child, a daughter, Mildred G.

Mr. Rivers is affiliated with the local lodge of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at West Concord.

DUNN, C. C., was born in Granby, May 7, 1869, son of Albion J.

C. C. DUNN.

and Lucretia (Chamberlain) Dunn; attended the public schools of Granby, in which place he resided, until 1894, when he located in Victory. For the past seven years he has conducted a blacksmith shop in Victory, which is now the only one in town on the Granby road from Gallup's Mills. While a resident of the town of Granby, Mr. Dunn served on the school committee and as district clerk, and since his residence in Victory has served as justice of the peace two years, and is now serving his third year as selectman.

October 1, 1893, he married Miss Bessie C. Austin of Granby, and by

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this union four children have been born, Lysle C., Elba A. (deceased), Lelia E., and Orien S.

CANAAN.

Population, Census of 1900, 934.

The town of Canaan was chartered February 25, 1782, to John Wheeler, but had been previously granted to Jonathan Hunt and others. The town of Norfolk, which was chartered to Bazaleel Woodward, February 27, 1782, was later annexed to Canaan.

The town was first settled by Silas Sargent, John Hugh, and Hubbard Spencer. Being a frontier town, it was subject to much disturbance in the War of 1812.

Canaan furnished thirty-four men for the Rebellion, seven of whom were either killed or died from disease in the service, eight were under twenty years of age, while four were over forty.

On fields of battle they won high renown,
And made their names an honor to their town.

In 1885 Canaan adopted the public school system, and the following year had five common schools, with one hundred and seventy-three pupils.

Canaan has furnished northern Vermont with many notable men, particularly in the mercantile and lumber business.

The town is prettily situated on the Connecticut river, and its broad and beautiful meadow farms, unsurpassed roads, and grand mountain scenery, all go to make up an ideal residential and farming community.

No discord has the sighing reed,
None has the running rills,
None is there in the wild birds' song
That echoes from the hills.

GREEN, Hon. Carlos H., was born in Warren, Vermont, April 23, 1851, son of Charles and Eliza A. (Brooks) Green. He received his education in the district schools and at Colebrook academy.

Closely identified with Canaan's, and in fact northern Vermont's, material prosperity, is Carlos H. Green. At thirteen he came with his parents to Canaan and as soon as he finished his school days he entered the lumber business for his father. He remained here until 1872, when he gained his majority and literally "struck out for himself." He naturally took up the line with which he was most familiar and entered the lumber business. Being possessed with a good amount of grit, common sense and a splendid physique it was only natural that success should reward his indomitable will and persistence; courteous, generous, and always willing to aid a worthy cause, soon made the name of Carlos Green a household word in northern Essex.

In 1888 he and his brother, Edwin, opened a general store and so rapidly did their business grow that at one time they were conducting two stores in Canaan and one at West Stewartstown. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster of Canaan for four years and was again appointed by President McKinley.

In 1897 he and Edwin dissolved partnership and Carlos continued the dry goods branch of the busi-

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CARLOS H. GREEN.

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ness until 1899 when he sold out to Edmonds Brothers.

Since retiring from mercantile pursuits Mr. Green has been extensively engaged in the real estate and lumber business and last year cut 200 tons of hay on his splendid farm.

Mr. Green has never sought political office, but one so thoroughly in sympathy with the material interest of a community could hardly avoid the call from his townsmen and consequently he has held various town offices and in 1900 represented Essex county in the state senate, where his keen perception and splendid business training, coupled with his intimate knowledge of men made him a valued member of that honorable body.

May 17, 1879, he married Julia A. Dorman of Bury, Province of Quebec, daughter of Thomas and Caroline (Parsons) Dorman. They have had two children born to them, both of whom died in infancy.

For the past four years Mr. Green has been vice-president of the Colebrook National bank.

MORRISON, HERBERT S.,* son of Sidney and Lucinda Morrison, was born in Canaan, Vermont, September 12th, 1859, and attended the public schools of his native town and Colebrook academy of Colebrook, New Hampshire. Farming and lumbering has been his occupation. He has held the various town offices and while a Democrat of the most outspoken and pronounced type in a town two thirds Republican, he was elected to represent Canaan in the general assembly of Vermont in 1902 by more than two to one over the Republican nominee. He is very popular because his life is one that commands universal respect and popularity. Blunt, vigorous, and loyal-

HERBERT S. MORRISON.

ty are the qualities that have made "Bert" Morrison hosts of solid and lifelong friends.

His father, Sidney Morrison, son of Joshua, represented Canaan in the legislature in 1874 and the grandfather, Joshua, represented the town several times; in fact, as one of the old citizens remarked to the writer, "Joshua Morrison went to Montpelier whenever he wanted to."

Herbert S. Morrison married, in 1882, Hattie J. Gilman of Canaan, a highly esteemed and much beloved lady of culture and high ideals. Their union was truly blessed by the birth of a son, Sidney Leon, now a student at New Hampton.

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New Hampshire. Mrs. Morrison died October 11th, 1900, and left this world better for having lived in it.

For the past two seasons Mr. Morrison has been manager of the now justly famed Cold Spring House at Leach Pond, Averill, where he has "met and conquered" all who have been fortunate enough to spend a few days at this beautiful playground.

BUCK, W. M., proprietor of the Canaan House and Metallak Lodge, possesses two of the most popular and best equipped hostelries in northern New England.

CANAAN HOUSE.

The Canaan House is pleasantly situated and conveniently appointed and makes an ideal home for the weary traveler. The cuisine is under the charge of an able steward who knows just how to cater to the traveling public. The house is one

METALLAK LODGE.

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fourth of a mile from the West Stewartstown station on the Maine Central railroad and a free coach meets all trains to convey guests to and from the house.

The Metallak Lodge is a summer camp of the truest type and highest class, is charmingly situated on the north shore of First Connecticut lake, New Hampshire, and is twenty miles from the West Stewartstown station; a daily mail reaches the house. The lake is about five miles in length and is surrounded by virgin forests extending to the Canadian boundary line on the north and to the state of Maine on the east; this affords an almost unlimited amount of game, and taken with the unsurpassed fishing makes Metallak Lodge the ideal summer camp.

Proprietor Buck keeps everything first class and the table here as well as at the Canaan House is unexcelled.

Metallak Lodge is a particularly healthful locality and is free from hay fever and malaria. The sanitary arrangements are of the best. Pure mountain spring water, good teams, in fact everything to make the summer vacation the most enjoyable.

TRASK, GUY B., was born in Canaan, Vermont, March 22d, 1860, son of Hiram E. and Georgianna (Morrison) Trask. He was educated in the schools of Canaan and at Colebrook academy. Mr. Trask has always followed farm work and lumbering and has done a considerable amount of heavy freighting, handling a hundred carloads of produce—potatoes and hay—annually. He is interested in pulp wood and keeps an average of twenty-five men the year round. Recently he took up his residence in Colebrook, New Hampshire, just across the Connecticut river from Canaan, yet he continues his interest in his native town, owning a farm of 150 acres

GUY TRASK.

and keeping fifty head of stock. He owns some 3,000 acres of timber land in New Hampshire and Canada. He is a director in the Farmers' and Traders' National bank of Colebrook, New Hampshire.

During Mr. Trask's residence in Canaan he held the various town offices and in 1898 represented the town in the state legislature.

November 20, 1884, he married Sarah Gilman of Canaan. Two daughters have blessed their union, Alice J. and Ruth M.

VANCORE, HORACE, was born in Sheldon, Vermont, in 1847, son of Joseph and Constance Vancore. He attended the local schools of Sheldon and when fourteen years of age his parents moved to a farm at

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Barford, Province of Quebec. Here he remained for three years and then located in Canaan, and worked three years in the woolen mill at West Stewartstown and the sawmills there for eight years; then he went on the farm of the Connecticut River Lumber Co., in West Stewartstown, where he remained for four years. Fourteen years ago Mr. Vancore purchased his present splendid farm, which contains 450 acres and keeps seventy head of cattle.

In 1872 he married Lucy E. Van Dyke and five children have been born to them, Fred, Minnie (deceased), Alice (Mrs. Neil Ross), Georgie, and Jesse.

Mr. Vancore has frequently been called upon to hold public office,

HORACE VANCORE.

having held the various town offices, and in 1900 he represented Canaan in the general assembly of Vermont.

EDMONDS, FRED G., son of William and Viola (Miller) Edmonds, was born at Westfield, Vermont, July 16, 1866; received his

FRED G. EDMONDS.

education in the district and grammar schools of his native town.

In 1889 he located in Norton, Vermont, for the Averill Lumber Co. as bookkeeper and manager of their store. He remained with them eight years and gained a knowledge and experience that has amply fitted him for a successful career.

In 1896 he represented Norton in the general assembly. Besides holding several other town offices.

In 1899 he located in Canaan, Vermont, and entered the dry goods business, in which he has met with success.

His experience in that business for the last eighteen years has given him a knowledge of the public wants and how to please.

May 17, 1893, he married Ger-

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trude E. Worth of Barnston, Province of Quebec. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternity; was appointed postmaster for the town of Canaan in 1900, which office he now holds.

LUND, HENRY W., son of Hezekiah and Mary (Shores) Lund, was born in Granby, October 11th, 1854.

The foundation of his education was laid in "District No. 2" of Granby, which was for many years noted for the number of teachers and professional persons who had

RESIDENCE OF HENRY W. LUND.

been pupils there. Later he attended the St. Johnsbury academy and after completing his course entered the law office of Bates & Blodget at St. Johnsbury. Later he completed his professional education in the office of G. W. Hartshorn at Canaan and was admitted to the practice of the law in 1881, and opened an office in Canaan, where he has continued his residence and practised his profession with success in the courts of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Before leaving Granby he was elected superintendent of schools, and has held that office in Canaan together with the various other town offices. In 1892 he was appointed state's attorney for Essex county and at various times since has held the office, in all eight years, and is at the present time serving in that capacity.

In 1881 Mr. Lund married Carrie V., daughter of Dr. S. P. and Carrie E. (Colburn) Jones of Canaan.

Mr. Lund is a good type of the self-made Vermonter. Inheriting from his parents a good physique, a sound constitution, and a keen observation, it was a comparatively easy task for him to rise from the little farm in Granby to a man of learning, wide acquaintance, and influence in northeastern Vermont.

HARRIMAN, GILBERT, son of John and Edith (Tirrill) Harriman, was born in Clarksville, New Hampshire, August 29th, 1831. When an infant his parents moved to Stewartstown, where he attended the district schools, and completed his education at Colebrook academy.

In 1852 Mr. Harriman went to Lowell, Massachusetts, and for ten years was employed in the calico printery. In 1863 he enlisted in the Third Massachusetts Heavy artillery and served two years.

In 1872 he located in Canaan, where he has continued his residence to the present time. Farm work and lumbering have been his occupation, and strict attention to his work, a keen foresight, and great energy have brought him a splendid measure of success. He has filled the various town offices; was deputy sheriff from 1874 to 1878, was deputy collector of cus-

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HENRY W. LUND.

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toms four years, and in 1894 represented Canaan in the general assembly of Vermont. Here he was appointed on several important committees and his tireless energy and business training left his impress on some of the more important legislation of the session.

GILBERT HARRIMAN.

In 1854 Mr. Harriman was united in marriage to Ellen Griffin of Lowell, Massachusetts. Five children were the fruit of the union, all deceased. In 1893 Mrs. Harriman died.

He is affiliated with the Grand Army and the Masonic fraternity, and always takes a lively interest in all matters that are for the material or moral benefit of his town.

MAIDSTONE.

Population, Census of 1900, 208.

The town of Maidstone was chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth under King George III, October 12, 1761.

In 1764 the king annexed the townships west of the Connecticut river, which had, prior to that time, been supposed to belong to the pro-

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vince of New Hampshire. Petitions were made to the king, asking for a royal confirmation of their rights, but no settled state of affairs was obtained until April 1st, 1779, when the proprietors held a final meeting at Ripton and petitioned the governor of Vermont, praying: "For his sanction, protection and direction, in laying out and settling the township." The governor replied, "That the grants of the several townships given by Governor Wentworth, or the New Hampshire grants, were held sacred."

In December, 1774, the proprietors "allowed Arthur and Thomas Wooster each one hundred acres of land for beginning a settlement in Maidstone in 1772.

The first public school was opened in 1786 in a log house.

In 1788 the town was organized and Haines French was chosen first town clerk. In 1809 and 1810 he was a member of the governor's council.

In 1803 Dr. Taber located in the town, residing near the river, just across the Guildhall line. One day, when returning from a visit, the doctor, not finding his wife, called a neighbor and a general search was made, her body being finally found in the river. A jury of inquest returned a verdict of "suicide from the effects of homesickness and discouragement." Thus was recorded the first known suicide in Essex county.

Maidstone is one of the three towns of Essex which, in the last decade, has made an increase in population.

There is, perhaps, no town in Vermont of her population that has furnished more men of note or has done more for the shaping of the course of the early settlers, and for the progress of northeastern Vermont than has Maidstone. Among the list of notable men we mention John Rich, Major Haines French, Moody Rich, Jesse Hugh, Charles Stevens, Daniel Rich, Dr. John Dewey, Major James Lucas, Colonel Rich Stevens, Hon. David H. Beattie, Colonel Joseph Gleason, Hon. Thomas G. Beattie, and Hon. Putney R. Follansby. It is a noteworthy fact that Moody Rich represented the town in the general assembly fifteen terms and was assistant judge five terms, and that Major Haines French represented the town nine terms and was county clerk twelve terms.

BEATTIE FAMILY, THE. James Beattie left County Antrim, Ireland, in 1798 at the age of 18 years and came to Ryegate in 1805. At the home of Rev. Mr. Gibson, the first settled minister, he met a bright Irish girl, Margaret Jane Gillispie. Mr. Beattie married the girl and bought of the minister about 200 acres of the best land in Ryegate. On the land there was a log cabin. Here he raised twelve children, William J., Jane, Rebecca, Thomas, who died in infancy; David H., James, Margaret, Thomas G., Hannah, Katherine, Alex M., and Robert G.

Hon. David H. Beattie was born in 1816 at Ryegate. Upon gaining his majority he went to Savannah, Georgia, where he was a commission merchant. In 1843 he and his brother, Thomas G., settled in Maidstone and purchased a farm. Four years later they bought a large amount of timber land and were engaged extensively in the manufacture of lumber and were among the

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first to develop the lumber business in this section of Essex county.

In 1846 David H. Beattie married Harriet D., daughter of Thomas Carlisle, of Lancaster, New Hampshire. Six children were born to them, four of whom are still living. They were J. Henry of Brunswick, Gillispie (deceased), Stella, Richard, Harriet C., and Thomas G. (deceased).

Mr. Beattie held the various town offices and in 1857-'58-59 was sheriff of Essex county; 1861-'62 was state senator from Essex county and in 1885-'86 was judge of probate. Mr. Beattie died December 24, 1889. There was probably no man who knew Judge Beattie better than the late Hon. George N. Dale, former lieutenant-governor of Vermont, who in a memorial sketch said:

D. H. Beattie

"Mr. Beattie was a man of very strong and marked characteristics. He had held almost every

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position of honor or trust that the confiding people of 'Gallant Little Essex' could bestow. He lived an active, energetic and honest life. But he has gone, and the places once occupied by him are filled by others. He was a man of more than ordinary mind. His researches were logical and thorough. While assistant judge of the Essex county courts he did more than assent to the opinions of the presiding judge, and often he maintained an opposing position and frequently his views were sustained by the supreme court in those cases.

"Energetic, courageous, and possessing the very soul of honor, he was respected by all who knew him, whether they were in accord with his views or not.

"He had no shade of hypocrisy in his being. He was a descendant of that Scotch race whose convictions were unyielding, and with parents rigorous, even to practising and exacting those things from all around them which belonged to the most austere days of religious discipline, he was early imbued with deep-settled principles which he carried through

RICHARD BEATTIE.

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life, and which were in his mind the foundation of absolute fidelity and veracity, and prompted him to the exercise of even-handed justice in all his doings.

"His energetic life brought him in contact with many, and into collision of interests and pursuits, yet seldom does a man die amid more universal and profound respect than he did."

Richard Beattie, son of Hon. David H. and Harriet D. (Carlisle) Beattie, was born October 26, 1851, at Maidstone, where he received his early education. He has always followed farming. He has frequently been called by his townsmen to administer their affairs, having served as lister, tax collector, road commissioner, and school director. In 1894 he represented Maidstone in the general assembly of Vermont, and in 1902 he was elected sheriff of Essex county.

Mr. Beattie married, February 14, 1882, Isabell L. Webb, daughter of John W. Webb of Maidstone. They have had four children, Neal W., Irving R., Carlisle H., and John G.

STEVENS, CHARLES, was born January 18, 1842, at Maidstone, Vermont, son of Charles and Emiline (Batchelder) Stevens; received his education in the public schools. At twenty-one he left home with $2.00, lots of grit, and a splendid physique. For four years he was employed as foreman on a farm in Massachusetts, then went West, for twenty-two years. Mr. Stevens visited nearly every important point in the United States, doing contract sewer and bridge work. In 1879 he was a silver miner in Colorado. His sturdy habits and splendid determination made him a conspicuous success along these lines and during the years here he explored three

CHARLES STEVENS.

hundred miles west of Rossita in Gunnison county, where he discovered and started nine mines.

In 1884 Mr. Stevens returned to his native town of Maidstone, a man of mature ideas, sound judgment, with a considerable property. He purchased his present farm of 300 acres which is one of the best on the Connecticut river.

March 30, 1876, Mr. Stevens married Sarah A., daughter of William M. and Ruth M. (Jordan) Perkins.

Mr. Stevens has always taken a lively interest in public matters and has filled nearly all the town offices and in 1890-'91 represented Maidstone in the general assembly of Vermont.

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DREW, Augustus, was born in Cabot, December 20th, 1834, son of Israel Drew, a native of New York. He received his education in the public schools. He located in Maidstone in 1859, and has held all the town offices except town clerk and constable, and represented Maidstone in the state legislature in 1902.

Mr. Drew married Sarah F. Philbrick of North Conway and four children blessed their union, Thomas R., born in 1859, Ella F., born in 1861, Sadie M., born in 1863, and Albert M., born in 1872. Mrs. Drew died June 30, 1902.

Mr. Drew is a member of the Grange and has been affiliated with

Augustus Drew.

the Masonic fraternity for thirty-two years and is the present master of Benton lodge, F. & A. M., of Guildhall.

ALLIN, Sheridan W., son of Horatio N. and Betsey (Cody) Allin, was born in St. Johnsbury in 1839, and was educated in the pub-

Horatio N. Allin.

lic schools of St. Johnsbury and Glover, Vermont, and Lancaster, New Hampshire. He has always followed farming. In 1864 he married Louise J. Tilden of Barnet, daughter of Charles B. W. Tilden. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, Della L. (see Charles Rainey, Victory), Eva Gertrude (Mrs. Marshall Rich of Guildhall), Charles H., Ritie M. (Mrs. Edward F. Bucknam of Groveton, New Hampshire), and Sheridan W., Jr., who resides at home.

Mr. Allin located in Maidstone in 1869 and has served his town as town clerk, selectman, lister, and school director. His father, Horatio N. Allin, was a man universally ad-

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mired for his strength of character and force. He located in Guildhall in 1845, served as justice of the peace, selectman, and superintend-

SHERIDAN W. ALLIN.

ent of schools, and taught school several years.

GUILDHALL.

Population, Census of 1900, 455.

The town of Guildhall has the distinction of being one of the first towns of Vermont to be chartered, and the first in Essex county. Benning Wentworth, the royal governor of New Hampshire, chartered the town October 10, 1761, to Elihu Hall and some sixty others.

Colonel E. C. Benton (see sketch), in his history of Guildhall, says: "By whom the good name of Guildhall was given to the town is not known," and also that "it is the only town in the world bearing that name."

The first settlers of the town were from Lancaster and Lunenburg, towns lying upon opposite sides of a river in Massachusetts, and they gave the same names to the two towns lying as they intended on opposite sides of the Connecticut river. Upon their estimation Lunenburg was to embrace nearly or all of what was afterwards found to be the south part of the town of Guildhall, and Guildhall was supposed to include what was found to be a considerable part of the town of Maidstone. The settlement of the town dates from April 19, 1764, when Emmons Stockwell, David Page, Jr., and Timothy Rice came from Lancaster, Massachusetts, and settled on both sides of the river. The third child of Emmons and Ruth (Page) Stockwell, and grandchild of David Page, was the first child born in the town.

In 1765 Enoch Hall, Michael Amy, and James Rosebrook located in the town; and in 1778 Eleazer Rosebrook and Samuel Page came, followed a year later by David Hopkinson, Reuben and Simon Howe.

The first recorded town-meeting was held in 1783, yet the town appears to have been organized previous to that date. In 1785 General James Whitelaw of Ryegate, surveyor-general of the state of Vermont, taking the lower Ammonoosuc river as a starting point and proceeding north thirty miles, arrived at a point designated as the true southern boundary line of Guildhall.

In 1779 Abner Osgood built a grist-mill, the first to be built in this part of the county, and supposed that he was locating it in the town of Maidstone, but which proved to

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SHAFT MARKING SPOT OF FIRST CHURCH BUILT IN NORTHEASTERN VERMONT.
(Erected by Colonel E. C. Benton.)

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be in Guildhall, it being located on Mill brook, a small stream flowing through the Boyce estate on the North road, so-called. The stream being small the mill proved of but little value and was soon abandoned. In 1786 Captain Ward Bailey built a grist-mill at Guildhall Falls. Captain Bailey was one of the earliest settlers and appears to have been very prominent and active, and did much to promote the progress and welfare of the settlement. He built a blockhouse of pine logs from eight to ten inches through and this building was afterwards used as the first jail in Essex county.

The first public school of Guildhall dates from 1788 and was taught by Mr. Bradley. At the annual town-meeting of 1788 it was:

"Voted to raise twenty-five bushells of wheat to hire a preacher, and horse keeping and board."

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"Voted that Eleazer Rosebrook and Ward Bailey be a committee to hire a preacher."

It does not appear that a preacher was found, for at the town-meeting of 1789 the town:

"Voted to give Mr. Bell as a settlement three hundred and thirty-five bushells of good merchantable

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wheat, provided he settles in Guildhall."

The majority of the people being Congregationalists a church of that denomination was organized April 1, 1799, and in 1801 the town made provision for building a meeting house, the location being fixed upon as the center lot, this being on a high part of the land has ever since been known as "Meeting-house hill." The church was completed in 1805 and taken down and removed in 1828.

In 1899 Colonel E. C. Benton of Boston, Massachusetts, Guildhall's foremost son, caused to be erected a magnificent granite shaft to mark the original site of the first meeting-house, a spot made sacred to all from its association. September 14, 1899, the shaft was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies and the multitude of people who gathered in Guildhall that day was never excelled on any occasion in her history. From this hilltop had flown the inspiration and good cheer that has ever made the Vermonter a distinct character, far famed and honorable. Man is largely the product of environment. Here the early settlers possessed a soil both fertile and durable, a climate unsurpassed for healthful outdoor employment; they become a people of rugged, fearless and independent type, and so we do not marvel at the long list of stalwarts who lived in this quaint but beautiful spot.

We find the names of many who were not only powers of strength in their day but whose impress is seen on much of the good that has come to our people of northeastern Vermont. Hon. Daniel Dana (grandfather of Hon. Charles A. Dana, late editor of the *New York Sun*) was for ten years chief judge, and for eleven years was probate judge, and represented Guildhall in the general assembly for eight terms. Hon. John Dewey, Hon. Reuben W. Freeman, David Hopkinson, Joseph Berry, Horace Hubbard, William H. Hartson, Hon. Charles E. Benton, General Seth Cushman, Lieutenant Governor George N. Dale, Greenlief Webb, Charles Cutler, William Haywood, Jr., Isaac Cushman, James Steel and Elijah Foot are names forming a galaxy of bright and brainy men in which any state may well take pride.

In 1900 Colonel E. C. Benton erected and presented to Guildhall a magnificent Masonic hall and public library, a further reference to which will be found in the article on Mr. Benton.

CHASE, Hon. Robert, a native of Pelham, New Hampshire, where he was born in 1830, son of Robert and Eliza (Jewell) Chase. He came to Guildhall in 1865. In 1854 he was united in marriage with Susan Davis, a woman of culture, refinement, and lovable disposition, who, during her lifetime did much to make the home life of Guildhall better for her presence. The union was blessed with one son, Charles D. Mrs. Chase departed this life in 1898.

In 1865 Mr. Chase and his brother, Joseph, bought a half interest in the water privilege and mills on both sides of the Connecticut. In 1873 they disposed of their interest on the Vermont side and took the paper and peg mill on the New Hampshire side. This business was conducted by them until Joseph died, after which he con-

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Robert Chase.

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tinued alone until 1877, when Charles D. Chase, his son, was admitted to partnership. In 1890 Mr. Chase retired from active business.

—The Chase Coat of Arms.—

Guildhall has probably never had any one man who has been more active in the business, religious, social, and political world than Robert Chase. A man of sound judgment, clear intellect, and splendid integrity, naturally his townsmen have frequently called him to public office, and with strict fidelity and absolute courtesy he has discharged every duty imposed to the entire satisfaction of his people. He has served his town as treasurer twenty-two years, clerk eleven years, and as its representative in the general assembly in 1894. He has served Essex county as treasurer twenty-three years and has been Judge of Probate for the district of Essex for the past eight years.

For half a century Judge Chase has been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and is among the oldest Masons of the county. He has long been identified with the religious and charitable work of Guildhall, having been a deacon of the Congregational church since 1868.

WHITCOMB, GEORGE F., was born in Moe's River, Compton, Province of Quebec, in 1856, son of Joel F. and Lucy M. (King) Whitcomb. Joel F. Whitcomb was a native of Hancock, New Hampshire, and went to Canada when quite young. George F. received his educational training at Stewartstown, New Hampshire, Canaan, Vermont, and Moe's River, Province of Quebec. In 1863, when but seven

GEORGE F. WHITCOMB.

years of age, his parents moved to Stewartstown. In 1881 he located in Guildhall, and married Hattie W. Moore. They had one child, a

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daughter, Ethel M., now Mrs. J. M. Pendrigh, of Guildhall.

Mr. Whitcomb conducts the general store and livery at Central, a suburb of Guildhall, and carries on a large farm and has a considerable lumber business. In 1900 he represented Guildhall in the general assembly of Vermont. He served on important committees and was a valued and working member of that body.

FREEMAN, Hon. Reuben W., was born in Norwich, May 22d, 1785, located in Guildhall in 1819, married Betsey Stockwell in 1812. He was one of the strong men of his time, an acknowledged leader, a man of large intellect, capacity, and absolute integrity. He represented Guildhall in the general assembly in 1835 and in 1839, was assistant county judge, 1833-'34, and judge of probate, 1852-'53. He died June 27th, 1866. He was for many years an active and working member of the Congregational church, of which he was a deacon.

Ezra S. Freeman.

Ezra Selden Freeman, son of Hon. Reuben W., was born in Guildhall, March 28th, 1825, received his education in the public schools, and took up farming. He maintained and practised advanced methods of farming and was for many years called the best farmer in Guildhall. March 12th, 1868, he was united in marriage to H. Luella Aldrich of Concord, Vermont. Mr. Freeman has held the various town offices and represented Guildhall in the general assembly in 1868 and in 1869.

He is a much respected citizen, who has always manifested a deep interest in anything that would aid the business, moral, religious, or social side of his native town, a man of clear understanding, broad views, and industrious.

FOLLANSBY, Hon. Putney R., is son of James and Ruth (Rowell) Follansby of Hill, New Hampshire, where he was born July 25, 1826.

The Follansby and Rowell families are among the earliest settlers of New England. Early records tell us that the Follansby family is of Norman descent and were followers of the Duke of Normandy in his successful conquest of England in 1066.

Thomas Follansby came to America in 1750 and settled in Newburyport, Massachusetts. He served in the French war and assisted in the building of Fort William Henry.

Benjamin Follansby, son of Thomas, settled in Hill, New Hampshire, about 1800, and died there in 1836. He had three wives. His

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first wife was a Miss Peabody of Danvers, Massachusetts, a near relative of George Peabody, the renowned London banker and philanthropist.

James Follansby, son of Benjamin Follansby and Miss Peabody, was born in May, 1800. He married Ruth Rowell of Bradford in 1824. In the fall of 1838 he visited Essex county and located on the William Rich farm. He died in Guildhall in 1871.

PUTNEY R. FOLLANSBY.

Hon. Putney R. Follansby was educated in the public schools of Bradford, the Bradford academy, the public schools of Maidstone and Guildhall, and at the Tilton (New Hampshire) seminary. He taught school for several years after completing his education, teaching in Tilton, Sanbornton, and Northumberland, New Hampshire, and Maidstone, Vermont.

October 16, 1849, he married Amanda L. Lucas, a daughter of John A. and Lois (Dustin) Lucas, a descendant of Hannah Dustin. Their union has been enriched by the birth of six children, Lois H.

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(deceased), James L., Fara A. (Mrs. Trescott A. Chase of Bradford, Vermont), Nellie M. (deceased), Katherine C., and Frederick L.

In politics Mr. Follansby is a Democrat of the old school, staunch, unyielding, and consistent. He represented Maidstone in the general assembly, 1852-'53-'58-'59-'62-'63, and Guildhall, 1876-'77, seven terms in all.

He was county commissioner in

FREDERICK L. FOLLANSBY.

1854 and 1859, and judge of probate, district of Essex, 1879-'80. During the Civil war he was first selectman of Maidstone and his vigorous but wise policy of pay as you go brought the town out of the "great conflict" without a dollar of "war debt."

Frederick L., son of Hon. Putney R. and Amanda L. (Lucas) Follansby, was born in Guildhall, September 25, 1870; was educated in the public schools and at the Essex county grammar school. At the age of eighteen he entered the employ of Robert Chase & Co., as a bookkeeper, where he remained six years. The following four years he was employed in a shoe factory at Salem, Massachusetts, at the expiration of which time he returned to his old home and opened a general store in the fall of 1898. He has served Guildhall as justice of the peace four years, school director four years, and is now chairman of the board and represented the town in the general assembly in 1902. He is unmarried and resides with his parents.

BENTON, HON. CHARLES EMERSON* was the seventh son and twelfth child of Samuel Slade and Esther (Prouty) Benton. He was born at Waterford, December 11, 1825, and was a child of between three and four years when his father moved to St. Johnsbury, and was about seventeen years old when his father moved to Lancaster, New Hampshire.

He was educated in the public schools of St. Johnsbury, and at the St. Johnsbury academy. He remained with his father on the farm at Lancaster until it was sold, and his father went to Newbury in 1847, when he was twenty-two, and he went with his parents, being the only child then at home.

He there lived with them until October 21, 1856, when he married Adda, daughter of Abner and Mary (Haseltine) Chamberlin of Newbury. November 6, 1856, he

* In part from sketch published by his nephew, J. H. Benton, Jr., in 1901.

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bought of his father the place at Newbury, where he remained until April, 1860, when he sold the place and moved to Guildhall, Vermont, where he purchased a farm on the

Guildhall, where he lived until his death.

He was county clerk from 1865 to June, 1892, a period of twenty-seven years. He was a very popular

Charles E. Benton

River road, known as the Dennison farm.

He lived and carried on the farm until the fall of 1865, when he was appointed county clerk, and in March, 1866, he sold his farm and purchased a place in the village of

man, very much liked by his neighbors and townspeople, and held many offices. He was representative from Guildhall in the general assembly, 1866-'67, and was state senator 1874-'75. He was county treasurer from 1886 to 1892; regis-

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ter of probate, 1884, and judge of probate from 1886 to the time of his death in 1892.

He was a large, handsome man with the black eyes of his mother. He had a keen sense of justice; was patient and amiable. He was selected as auditor and referee in many cases, and his decisions were usually accepted as sound and satisfactory.

He became a member of the Congregational church at Guildhall, July 6, 1879, and in the latter part of his life was quite active in church matters.

He was a kind-hearted, amiable man, fond of his family and his friends, and everybody whom he met was his friend.

He was an ardent and consistent Republican, serving as a member of the Republican state committee of that party for ten consecutive years, and when he was a candidate for office he always ran ahead of his ticket.

He died at Guildhall in 1892, and is buried in the family lot in Lancaster, New Hampshire. The accompanying picture was taken about the time he came to Guildhall.

BENTON, Hon. Everett C., son of Judge Charles E. and Adda (Chamberlain) Benton, was born in Guildhall, September 25, 1862.

He is of English descent, his ancestors, on both sides, having come to America previous to 1700. They settled in both Massachusetts and Connecticut, and were without exception prominent in the early history of those states.

Mr. Benton's paternal great grandfather was a captain in the Continental army, under General Washington at Valley Forge, while his maternal great grandfather was one of Captain Johnson's minutemen, and was present with Ethan Allen at the capture of Fort Ticonderoga.

The grandparents of Mr. Benton, both paternal and maternal, were pioneers in Vermont.

In early youth Mr. Benton attended the public schools of his native town and the Essex county grammar school.

Mr. Benton commenced his political career at the age of fourteen, when he was appointed a page in the Vermont senate. He was next appointed, for a term of two years, clerk to the secretary of state, and then deputy county clerk of Essex county.

At the age of nineteen he decided on a business career, and in February, 1882, he went to Boston and accepted a position as a clerk in the John C. Paige Insurance agency. Fifteen years of constant and faithful attention to his work won for him in 1897 a partnership in the well and favorably known house.

He has always taken a deep and lively interest in politics, and for several years was active in the management of the Massachusetts Republican state committee, his last year being the celebrated campaign in which Governor Greenhalge was elected.

In 1896 Mr. Benton was a delegate to the National Republican convention and secretary of the Massachusetts delegation, and again in 1900 he was chosen a delegate to the National Republican convention and was secretary to the committee on permanent organization.

Mr. Benton served on Governor

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EVERETT C. BENTON.

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Greenhalge's staff as an aid with the rank of colonel in 1894-'95-'96, and in 1899 he represented the Third district of Massachusetts in the executive council.

While Colonel Benton has won distinction and achieved a splendid degree of success in Massachusetts, yet never for a moment has his heart wavered in its devotion and love of the green hills, the valleys and the streams of his native Vermont. Back to Guildhall, nestled among the hills of old Essex, have his thoughts frequently flown, and years ago he recognized that the first town of his native county, rich in tradition and history, had much that ought to be preserved for those who were to follow in years to come. So while yet a mere lad, we find him gathering scraps of history, listening to the local stories and gathering all possible information. From these he compiled "Benton's History of Guildhall," which has long been recognized as a valuable and authentic history, not only of the town of Guildhall, but as supplying much of the reliable early history of Essex county.

The Essex County Herald of July 19, 1901, says of him: "Being bound by his ancestral church to one of its sacred places, he, in 1899, erected a monument there which commemorates the location of the first church edifice in town." (See Guildhall historical sketch for engraving.) "The monument typifies a filial respect and affection as deep and lasting as nature can produce, and so noble as to be classed among the highest virtues in human nature."

"But he was not content with this. He saw and felt through all his boyhood days, a great want for literary improvement. He saw how he could fill the hearts of his boyhood's associates with pleasure and profit, which he did in 1900 by erecting a rich public library and Masonic building (see Guildhall historical sketch for engraving), put hundreds of volumes into it—selected by the rare taste of his scholarly companion, whose affections ran back along lines of affinity to the home of his early childhood—brought into it the young, strong, and powerful men of his age and time, and with them solemnly pledged their devotion to the most sacred principles of humanity and fraternity that ever filled the souls of men. All this was done with a single mind to conceive the work, and a single hand to execute it. Nothing was done grudgingly. Nothing was wanting that was not supplied."

In 1885, Colonel Benton married in Boston Willena Rogers, and of seven children born to them six are living, Jay R., Charles E., Blanche A., Dorothy D., Hannah S., and Josiah H.

Mr. Benton is a member of various organizations, among which are the Algonquin and Athletic clubs, Boston Merchants' association, and vice-president of the Beacon society of Boston. The latter organization is the most prominent and influential dining society in this country. He is also a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of Boston, a member of the Odd Fellows, a member of the Masonic fraternity, 33°, and a Granger. His membership in the two latter organizations he keeps at Guildhall.

Each year he returns to his native town, where he keeps his residence, the beautiful old homestead, "The

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Tamaracks," with his family, where he may be found at various times during the summer months, and although he may be resting from his enormous and constantly growing business cares, he is seldom idle, and when in Vermont his time is usually occupied in some enterprise to advance the interest of the people and the state of his nativity.

BENTON, JAY BAYARD, who is one of the best known of the younger newspaper men of Boston, is a native of Essex county and was born in Guildhall on April 10, 1870. He was the youngest son of Charles E. and Adda (Chamberlin) Benton. He received his education in the schools of his native village, the Essex County grammar school, Lancaster, New Hampshire, and St. Johnsbury academies. At the last-named institution he was the youngest member in a large graduating class in 1885, and delivered the Latin salutatory at the commencement exercises. In the year between his graduation at St. Johnsbury and his entering Dartmouth college he went to New York and served as the librarian in the Young Men's institute, which had just been started. He resigned this position that he might enter college. He was a member of the class of 1890 at Dartmouth, graduating with honors and delivering a dissertation at the commencement exercises. He was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, and for his excellence in scholarship was among those chosen to the Phi Beta Kappa at graduation. He held various class offices, was president of the Handel society and chorister during his senior year. He had shown an interest in newspaper work when a boy at his home in Guildhall, and his correspondence for the columns of the *Essex County Herald* gave indication of an aptitude for journalism. This was again shown in college, where for the last two years of his course he was one of the editors of *The Dartmouth*, the leading publication of the college. Upon graduation he decided to follow newspaper work as a profession and he came to Boston, where he obtained a position upon the staff of the *Boston Evening Transcript*. His advancement here was rapid, and in the course of two years he had been promoted to the position of assistant city editor. He was engaged to become assistant managing editor of the *Boston Journal* in 1894, and while in the employ of that paper he had special charge of the Sunday edition, which had just been started. In 1897 he was engaged to return to the employ of the *Boston Evening Transcript* to take his old position, but in less than a year he was advanced to the city editorship, which he has held ever since. It is one of the most responsible positions upon the paper, being the direction of all the local news from Boston and the suburban places, and Mr. Benton has made a great success of it from the very start. For a number of years he has been the Boston correspondent of the New York *Dramatic Mirror*, and his letters in that paper have been widely read and quoted and made him especially well known among the theatrical profession. He has served as the press representative of the Hollis Street, Colonial, and Park theatres, and acted in the same capacity for the Boston Museum un-

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JAY B. BENTON.

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til that historic playhouse was torn down to make way for an office building.

He belongs to a number of the clubs of Boston, and has been identified with the University club, the Papyrus club, the Boston Press club, of which he was at one time a director, the Newspaper club, in which he has held every office, the Dartmouth club, and the Vermont association of Boston. He is an enthusiastic Mason, and after taking his first degrees in Benton lodge, A. F. & A. M., in his native place, he became identified with Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, Giles F. Yates Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Mount Olivet chapter of Rose Croix, the Massachusetts Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°, Woburn Royal Arch Chapter, and St. Bernard Commandery of Knights Templar. He is unmarried, and has lived in Winchester, one of the most attractive suburbs of Boston, since 1892. He has traveled quite extensively in his vacations, making three trips to Europe, and the letters of description which he has sent home to the *Transcript* and other publications have been greatly praised for their vividness and accuracy of description.

CALL, NELSON, was born in Guildhall, Vermont, in 1841, son of Simeon Call. He attended school in his native town and has followed farming and the profession of a veterinary.

In 1862 Mr. Call married Martha A. Stone of Guildhall, daughter of David Stone of Claremont, New Hampshire. They have no children.

Mr. Call has served Guildhall as a justice of the peace, lister, and in 1898 was its representative in the general assembly of Vermont. In politics he is a Democrat of the old school.

The home farm contains 175 acres and ten head of stock are kept. Mr. Call is a genial, pleasant, and enterprising man, always interested in anything that will aid his native town.

NELSON CALL.

PHILBRICK, JONATHAN, son of Thomas and Susan (Boston) Philbrick, was born in Bartlett, New Hampshire, October 26th, 1836. When a boy of six years his parents moved to Maidstone, Vermont. He attended the public schools of Maidstone and Guildhall. At twenty years of age he went to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and for two years was employed in a paper mill at that place.

In 1858 he purchased the farm where he now resides, in Guildhall, installed his father on the place and

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went to Boston and entered the employ of the Boston & Providence railway, first as a fireman and then as an engineer. For twenty-nine years Mr. Philbrick remained at this post and in 1887 he returned to his farm in Guildhall where he still resides.

In 1876 Mr. Philbrick married Amelia F. Boston of Boston, Massachusetts, a native of Guildhall. No children were born to them. Mrs. Philbrick died January 20, 1894.

Mr. Philbrick has held the usual town offices and in 1892 represented Guildhall in the general assembly of Vermont.

A word should be said of the

JONATHAN PHILBRICK.

father of Jonathan Philbrick. Thomas Philbrick was born in Conway, New Hampshire, February 28th, 1804, and located in Guildhall in 1847, where he resided until his death, March 22d, 1886. He married Susan Boston. Seven children blessed the union, one of whom, Sarah F. (deceased), married Augustus Drew of Maidstone. Mr. Philbrick was a man highly es-

THOMAS PHILBRICK.

teemed, of sound judgment and great worth, and was regarded as one of the strong men of Guildhall. He held the various town offices.

BOYCE FAMILY, THE. George S. Boyce came to Guildhall with his father, James Boyce, from Newbury, Vermont, when fourteen years of age and located on the North road. He held the various town offices and in 1854 married Fannie S. Lamkin of Guildhall, Vermont. They had three children, Guy L. (deceased), John W., and Sadie A. (Mrs. Henry Smith, deceased), of Guildhall, Vermont. Mr. George S. Boyce died February 3d, 1899, at the old Boyce homestead, where he lived fifty-seven years.

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Guy L. Boyce, born in Guildhall in 1856, died in the same room he was born in and with the same attending physician, June 17th, 1894. He was educated in the public schools and when sixteen years of age went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he remained for twenty-two years. He was a successful shoe merchant in company with his brother, John W. He married Ida Baker of Lincoln, Massachusetts. They had three children, two of whom are now living, Harriet L. and George Minott. The widow and children reside at Lincoln.

GUY L. BOYCE.

John W. Boyce was born in Guildhall in 1862, attended the public schools, and went to Boston when twenty years old and entered the shoe business with his brother, Guy L. Upon the latter's death he continued the business for a year but failing health compelled him to dispose of the business and in 1895 he returned to Guildhall and took up farming.

JOHN W. BOYCE.

He married Ella M. Hunter of Nova Scotia. They have one child, Mildred M. Mr. Boyce has served as selectman and school director, etc.

Sadie A. Boyce, born in Guildhall in 1870, attended the public schools, married Henry Smith in 1894, lived in Guildhall until her death, August 19th, 1902. She also died in the same room in which she was born.

HUBBARD, GEORGE A. The Hubbard family dates its residence in Guildhall from 1817, when Calvin Hubbard came from Springfield, Vermont, to town and took up his residence on the North road.

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Calvin Hubbard lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three years five months, while his wife lived to be ninety-three years two months.

Hon. Horace Hubbard, son of Calvin, came to Guildhall with his family in 1817, and commenced clearing land on the North road. He was a man of marked personality and took a deep interest in public affairs. He was assistant judge in 1846-'47 and represented Guildhall in the legislature of Vermont in 1831 and again in 1840.

John Hubbard, youngest son of Hon. Horace, succeeded to his father's farm on the North road and was one of Guildhall's progressive farmers and valued citizens.

George A. Hubbard, son of John and Susan D. (Massure) Hubbard, was born in Guildhall, September 10th, 1850, and received his education in the public schools of Lunenburg, Guildhall, and the Essex county grammar school. He followed farming until 1891, when he became county clerk of Essex county, which position he still holds and has filled with marked success.

GEORGE A. HUBBARD.

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He has held several town offices, represented Guildhall in the legislature in 1890 and again in 1896. He served on several important committees and secured by care and constant attention an enviable legislative record.

Mr. Hubbard married October 13, 1871, Ida E. Manning. In 1873 a son was born to them, who died in infancy. In 1890 they adopted a daughter, Ethel M., and April 13, 1891, a daughter was born to them, Addie M.

Mr. Hubbard is a member of the local grange and affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

BUCK, Rev. F. W., was born June 20th, 1867, at Sawyerville, Province of Quebec. When four

Rev. F. W. Buck.

years of age his parents moved to a farm where there was a limited opportunity for even a common school education. Here for twelve years the subject of our sketch toiled. At the age of sixteen he became converted and with his conversion a strong desire for a better and broader education that he might carry the "message of love" to the people. For eight years the struggle for an education continued; then he commenced his career as a preacher and for several years Canada was the field of his labors. Then he was sent to Clarksville, New Hampshire, where he labored for two and a half years. In April, 1903, he was sent to Guildhall, his present field of labor.

Mr. Buck has been twice married, first to Luella Lebourueau, who died in 1898. In 1900 he was joined in marriage to Melvina Goupey of Lennoxville, Province of Quebec. They have two children.

LUNENBURG.

Population, Census of 1900, 968.

The town of Lunenburg was chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire, July 5, 1763, and the next year David Page, Timothy Nash, and George Wheeler settled in what they supposed to be the north part of the township, but according to General Whitelaw's survey, which has become the accepted survey of the various towns along the Connecticut river, the settlement was in the south part of Guildhall. In 1768 Uriah Cross, Thomas Gustin, and Ebenezer Rice came and settled within the present limits of the town. They built their log house near the bank of the river, where fish and game abounded in great quantity.

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From time to time new settlers came and December 18, 1781, the first town-meeting was held and the town organized. David Hopkinson was chosen clerk.

A destructive fire visited the town July 13, 1849, and destroyed many buildings, including the Congregational church, the Methodist chapel, and the town house.

Like nearly all New England towns, the early church history is about all the history made, and it may prove interesting here to follow briefly the organization and progress of the Congregational society, which was the first religious society of Lunenburg.

The first associated religions movement of the town dates from the year 1800, when the Congregationalists built their first meeting-house. This was dedicated in 1802 and the Rev. John Willard, D. D., was called as the pastor. We here give as a matter of curiosity two items of the contract made with Mr. Willard:

"Second. To raise by subscription a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of sending three sleighs and three spans of horses and suitable persons to drive the same for the purpose of assisting in removing his [Rev. John Willard] family and effects from Connecticut [Stafford] to this town."

"Fifth. He shall receive for his first year's salary $165, to be assessed on the grand list of 1803, and then to raise in proportion as the list of ratable property of those who are liable to pay his salary rises, for the term of six years or until it amounts to $260. And if it should not rise to said sum of $260 in that time, and said society should not be willing to establish his salary at the said sum, then, and in that case, this society agree that the said Mr. Willard shall not be considered (unless he chooses) any longer our gospel minister. Two thirds of the above mentioned sums to be paid in good merchantable wheat, at current prices annually" (the rest in money).

Dr. Willard graduated at Yale, 1782, ordained, 1786, and settled at Lunenburg March 31, 1802. He died in January, 1826.

In the fall of 1902 this old society—rich in history and closely identified with nearly every family of the town for more than a century, held a memorial exercise at which many able speakers reviewed the various events and eulogized those who had been prominent and had been called from their earthly home; but to Franklin Bell, a man of long years of experience and observation, was left the historic review of the society for nearly three quarters of a century. We have been fortunate indeed in finding Mr. Bell's manuscript and we quote liberally from his remarks:

"Old things have passed away
And all things have become new."

"I look back sixty-five years and I see the old wood-colored church, with its porch and broad stone steps in front. I can see the old horse block at the southwest corner, built up three feet high with stone steps, where women mounted and dismounted from their horses:—as there were no carriages, with the exception of an occasional two-wheeled shay. The wives and daughters came to church, in many instances,

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riding behind their husbands or fathers; then the horse block was an important feature.

"I will recall some of those who helped to build up this church and community.

"Space will allow me to mention but a part of them as they come up before me. Right directly in front across the aisle was the pew of Deacon Reuben Chandler, in which I see seated Mr. and Mrs. Whipple, father and mother of Mrs. Chandler; Deacon Reuben and his worthy wife and their family of sons and daughters, William, John, Maria, Joel, Norman, and Jennie. Maria passed away many years ago. A charming young lady, mourned by many loving friends. Norman went West as a physician and laid down his life there, and four are still honored members of the communities in which they live. I speak of this family particularly as it seems to me they were all at church, or most of them, every Sunday.

"I see at the south end the two pews side by side of Wendall and Mitchell Silsby, who raised large families of children, who have all gone before, and their grandchildren are now active members of this community. I see in the middle of the house Colburn Hartshorn, the father of eleven sons, who grew to be men of business, and have passed away. I see on the east side Deacon Asa Clarke, who was a pillar in this church. With his family of sons he went in 1837 twenty miles west of Milwaukee, six miles from any white inhabitant, among Indians and wolves, to help build up the country aright. Spencer, his brother, who was associated with him on the Bow farm; remained and raised a large family of sons and daughters and did a great work to help the prosperity of the town, and built this edifice. Two of his sons were prominent in this church. Deacon John went to New Orleans as captain of Co. K, of the Eighth Vermont regiment, and laid down his life for his country. George went away for his health and was never able to return to the old home. I see over beyond the pulpit Judge Samuel Gates, one of the first settlers of the town and who built the first frame house and endured the privations and hardships of the wilderness. He had two sons, Deacon Samuel, and William, and one daughter, who married Dr. Theron Webb, who was long a physician of this and adjoining towns. Mrs. Webb was a very exemplary Christian.

"Deacon Samuel Gates, Jr., married Gerishia Clark and had a large family. George W. was born in a log house in the corner of what is now Silsby brothers' pasture, on Baldwin hill. He was a very active, enterprising man. He had allied himself with the Methodist church while young, and did perhaps more than any other man in securing the erection of the present church, with means and influence. He was a prominent singer and how well I remember when I went to the chapel on quarterly meeting day how he would lead in singing.—'Alas and did my Saviour bleed and did my Sovereign die.'

"Catherine married Nathaniel Waldo French, who was an active business man of this town and an honored member of this church and contributed largely and freely

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to its support. He died at Lewiston several years ago, honored and respected by all who knew him. Mrs. French has spent the most of her time with her niece, Mrs. Brietling. She is now with her son, George F., strong in mind, at the age of ninety-three years—the last of that hardy family.

"I see Father Glines, then in the prime of life, walk sedately up the aisle and deposit that

ALDEN BALCH.

tall bell-shaped hat on the shelf at the side of the pulpit, and climb those narrow stairs until he was well above his congregation. He was the first minister I knew and I looked upon him with something akin to reverence. Although I did get tired before we had sat out two long sermons and the accompaniments, I think he was one of the most sincere men I ever knew. He was sometimes very pointed in his discourses.

"Mr. Glines and his sainted wife, on a meager salary of three hundred dollars, raised a large family, and were always ready to assist in every good work. He was very cordial and as he took your hand the invariable inquiry was, 'Are you well. Are your folks well.' But like all other things the old must pass away and a new generation comes forward to demand new things. Mrs. Glines deserves more than a passing notice. Beside taking care of and raising her large family of children, she did more for the advancement of the best interests of the community than any other woman I ever knew.

"*Old things have passed away*
And all things have become new."

We cannot close this brief sketch without a mention of Lunenburg's benefactor, Alden Balch. Mr. Balch was born in Lunenburg in 1830, son of William Balch. He attended the schools of his native town. He was a thrifty farmer and believed in saving for a rainy day. He died February 7, 1903, and left an estate of about $30,000. He never married. In his will he gave Lunenburg $2,000 for a public library building,—which is now in course of construction—the Congregational society $2,000, the Methodist society $2,000, and a small bequest to the Grand Army and the Women's Relief corps.

From a scenic point of view Lunenburg is certainly unsurpassed in northern New England. Mr. William E. Balch, an artist of ability, has made especially for this work two views of Cat-bow brook, which we give in the accompanying illustration.

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TWO VIEWS OF CAT-BOW BROOK, LUNENBURG.
Photographs made for "Successful Vermonters" by William E. Balch.

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HALE, Hon. Franklin Darius,* son of Sprague Taylor and Nancy May (Moulton) Hale, was born in Barnet, Vermont, March 7, 1854. The parents of Mr. Hale possessed in full measure the stalwart virtues of rural Vermonters: patriotism, hospitality, industry, and sincerity, and the strong impress of right parental training has always been manifested in the life and character of their children who hold their parents in revered memory.

Sprague Taylor Hale was born in Waterford, Vermont, September 13, 1815, and Nancy May Moulton was born in Concord, Vermont, October 14, 1819. They were married in 1843 and had three children, Charles Allen Hale, who enlisted in the Eleventh regiment, Vermont volunteers in 1862, and died in Andersonville prison, Georgia, November 17, 1864; Nellie H. Hale, wife of Hon. Albert R. Savage, justice of the supreme judicial court of Maine; and Franklin Darius Hale, the subject of this sketch. When he was two years of age the family moved to Concord, Vermont, where they resided for nine years, and where his brother, Charles A., a noble type of the farm bred soldier of the Union, enlisted. From Concord, the family moved to Lunenburg in 1865, where the parents resided until their death; the mother May 27, 1901, the father, February 22, 1902.

Franklin D. Hale shared the usual experience of the farm boy of the period, alternating the cares, the sports, and the labors of the farm by attendance at the district school. Later he attended the St. Johnsbury academy three terms and the Northfield high school three terms. He taught school at Colebrook and Dalton, New Hampshire, and Waitsfield and Lunenburg, Vermont, and thus acquired a practical experience and education and an interest in the cause of education which has been invaluable in his public career. In 1875, '76, '77, he took the law course at Michigan University and continued his studies with Hutchinson & Savage at Lewiston, Maine, becoming a member of the firm of Hutchinson, Savage & Hale in 1877. He traveled extensively in the West during 1879 and '80. In the spring of 1881 he returned to Lunenburg and engaged in farming with his father, continuing his practice of the law.

Mr. Hale married, November 2, 1881, Adeline Louise, daughter of Hon. Levi and Susan (Powers) Silsby. Four children have been born to this union; Susie Belle (deceased), Susie May, Charles Silsby, and Bernard Franklin.

Mr. Hale has held nearly every town office in Lunenburg and represented the town in the legislature in 1884, 1898, and 1900, and in 1886 he was state senator for Essex county. In both legislative bodies he made a splendid record and was recognized as a leader in debate. He served on the more important committees and left his impress on the legislation of the eight years. In July, 1883, he was appointed state's attorney for Essex county and was elected to that office in 1884, 1888, 1890, 1900, and in 1902, resigning in 1901. In June, 1891, he was appointed chairman of the board of town site trustees for the city of Oklahoma, by President Harrison,

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which office he resigned in October of that year. In 1892 he was elected state auditor of Vermont and was reëlected without opposition in 1894 and again in 1896.

In July, 1899, he went to Havana, Cuba, as chief clerk to the treasurer of Cuba, where he remained for a year. In October, 1902, President Roosevelt appointed him U. S. consul at Coaticooke, P. Q., which office he still holds.

Mr. Hale enjoys a very wide personal acquaintance, a fact which is due no less to his genial and attractive personality than to the many and various public stations which he has been called to occupy. His ability as a fluent and forcible speaker, on the lecture platform and on the stump, is too well known to require comment.

Mr. Hale is broad gauge in his tastes, is the possessor of a large and excellent library, and a rare and valuable collection of steel engravings, books, china, and curios. The beautiful home with Mrs. Hale as hostess and the three children as entertainers is noted for its culture and hospitality.

Mr. Hale is a Knight of Honor, and a member of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. and A. M., Palestine commandery and Mount Sinai Temple. A Congregationalist in religious belief, he is an active and influential member of that body, having been deacon of the Lunenburg church for many years.

Eminently practical and a man of affairs, Mr. Hale continues to cherish the high ideals of life and duty, and the warm and generous aspirations peculiar to the springtime of life.

POWERS, JUDGE STEPHEN B., son of Stephen and Almira (Johnson) Powers, was born in Lunenburg, July 20, 1837, attended the public schools of Lunenburg and the St. Johnsbury and Newbury academies. For several winters he taught school in Caledonia and Essex counties, his first school being at Dalton, New Hampshire, when nineteen years of age. He remained on the home farm, when not teaching, until the death of his father, August 7, 1860. He then remained with his widowed mother until 1865 when his brother Simeon bought his interest in that property. He and his brother, Edmond C., entered the mercantile business at the village. The partnership continued only about a year when Judge Powers purchased Edmond's interest and until 1871 conducted the business as the sole proprietor. Having disposed of his business he became employed by Joshua Silsby at his lumber mill for three years. In 1874 he took up farming and lumbering and has by close application and splendid judgment acquired a good property.

March 21, 1864, he married Martha Thompson. One son was born to them, Frederic E., who resides on the Roswell Bowker farm, so called.

Mrs. Powers, a lovely woman of culture and refinement, who made the world better for having lived, died March 13, 1902.

Judge Powers has always taken a lively interest in public matters and has frequently been called upon to hold both town and county offices, always a staunch Republican in politics. He was appointed county

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STEPHEN B. POWERS.

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commissioner of Essex county and was afterwards elected for two terms to that office. In September, 1900, Governor Stickney appointed him to fill the vacancy in the office of assistant county judge of Essex county, caused by the death of Hon. Wilmot Nelson of Norton. He has been twice since elected to that office, which he still holds. In each office Judge Powers has discharged the duties devolved upon him with firmness and a high sense of honor.

He has been treasurer of the Lunenburg Manufacturing Co. since 1898. His religious preference is Congregational and his work and membership in that society since 1858 have been of that kind which builds up and gives greater usefulness and influence for good in the community.

Judge Powers' grandfather, Joseph Powers, came from New London, Connecticut, to Lunenburg about 1794 and his son, Stephen, father of the subject of this sketch, was born on the old homestead in 1798.

HILL, GEORGE W., was born in Danville, December 18th, 1842, son of Carleton and Amanda M. (Carr) Hill. When three years of age he came with his parents to Concord. He located in Lunenburg in 1856. When the war broke out he enlisted in Co. K, Eighth regiment, Vermont Volunteers, under the command of Colonel Stephen Thomas. He was in the Louisiana campaign, was at Bonte's Station, Bayou Teche, Fort Bisland, Port Hudson, Donalson, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek. He was severely wounded at Bonte's Station, refused an honorable discharge and returned to his regiment. He entered the service as a private and was promoted through every grade to second lieutenant.

Mr. Hill was married November 7, 1865, to Amanda M., daughter of Sylvanus and Martha Lane. They have had four children.

He has held the various town offices and in 1900 represented Lunenburg in the state legislature.

GEORGE W. HILL.

He is a member of Howard post, G. A. R., and has served three years as its commander. He is a man of energy, absolute integrity, and great perseverance, who is regarded as a leading citizen of his town and county.

BOWKER, MARK D., born in Lunenburg, January 11th, 1852, son of James G. and Sophronia (Smith) Bowker, attended the public schools of Lunenburg and for the past thirty-three years has been identified with the mercantile interests of the town. He represented Lunenburg in the legislature of 1902.

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December 11th, 1877, Mr. Bowker was united in marriage to Nellie J. Silsby of Lunenburg. One child, a son, Irving J., has been born to

MARK D. BOWKER.

them. Irving was educated in the public schools of the town and at Montpelier seminary, and for the past three years has been in his father's store.

OLCOTT, A. JUDSON, son of Erastus and Lucy (Snow) Olcott, was born in the old homestead in Lunenburg in 1851; was educated in the public schools. He has always followed farming and is thoroughly modern in his methods. In 1880 he married Julia A. Powers, a daughter of Timothy and Electa (Balch) Powers of Lunenburg. They have had four bright and pleasant children, Glenn E., Roy B. (who died in infancy), Nila E., and Nettie E.

Mr. Olcott has served the town as lister and school director and is an active member of the Congregational church.

The Olcotts came to Lunenburg nearly a hundred years ago—Erastus came from Concord in 1809. They have always taken a lively and prominent part in the affairs of the town and have been known for their

A. JUDSON OLCOTT.

energy, integrity, and deep interest in the welfare of the community.

KELLEY, REV. CHARLES WESLEY. The subject of this sketch was born in the city of New York, in the year of our Lord 1872. He came from a ministerial stock and has near and distant relatives in the leading Protestant denominations. He was converted in childhood and from earliest memory felt strangely called to the work of the Christian ministry. During his residence in the city and while preparing for his chosen calling, much of his spare

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time was spent in evangelistic and mission work. This work had a great fascination for him but had to be relinquished because of impaired health. The work of the country pastorate when later undertaken proved more conducive to good health. In the course of time Mr. Kelley connected himself with the Vermont Methodist Conference and after a three years' pastorate at Canaan was transferred a few

REV. CHARLES W. KELLEY.

months ago to Lunenburg, both towns being located within the county of Essex. The latter town is delightfully situated on high land, where the atmosphere is invigorating, the scenery magnificent, and where every prospect is pleasing. The Methodist Episcopal church is comparatively a new edifice, having been erected only a few years ago, and is handsomely and comfortably arranged. The pastor being nobly sustained by a loyal and efficient officiary, the work is in a prosperous condition. The union spirit or the spirit of Christian unity in this little mountain town is certainly ideal and it would be well if other towns caught it.

VANCE, MARTIN VAN BUREN, was born at Wolcott, Vermont, June 4th, 1838, son of John and Adelia (Hubbard) Vance. When but five years of age his parents moved to Danville and two years later they again moved and located at Lancaster, New Hampshire. Here only a short stay was had and the Vance family moved to Lowell, Massachusetts, and the year following located at Concord, in that state, where he remained for ten years, then locating at Bradford, Vermont, where he was residing when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted at Danville in Captain A. W. Preston's Company D, First Vermont cavalry, September 21st, 1861, and was mustered out with his regiment August 9th, 1865. He entered the service as a private and served as corporal, sergeant, commissary sergeant, orderly sergeant, and Governor J. Gregory Smith, on May 9th, 1865, commissioned him second lieutenant of his company. He was in nearly every engagement participated in by the company. He located in Lunenburg after his discharge from the United States service, and ten years later, June 4th, 1875, he married Matilda C. Balch, daughter of James and Fannie (Smith) Balch. Mrs. Vance died January 1, 1903, at the age of fifty-six years, loved and honored by all for her beautiful life of usefulness in the community in which she had spent so many happy years.

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M. V. B. VANCE.

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Ten years after coming to Lunenburg Mr. Vance bought and resided on the Jonah Brooks farm, but later moved to the village, and for eighteen years carried the mail and express to South Lancaster, New Hampshire. He erected his present beautiful residence, which is the best set of buildings in the town, beautifully located, overlooking the Connecticut river, with the gigantic granite hills and White Mountains of New Hampshire in the background.

Mr. Vance took a prominent part in the organization of Lunenburg's Coöperative Creamery association in 1896. He was elected its president for the first year and has been elected treasurer every year since.

In 1889 Mr. Vance was elected town clerk and treasurer, and has continually held those offices to the present time. In 1896 he represented Lunenburg in the general assembly of Vermont.

His great grandfathers on both sides were Revolutionary soldiers. Mr. Vance is affiliated with the Junior Order of Mechanics, Grange, Grand Army, and Masonic fraternity.

STEARNS, Parish L., born in Woodstock, Vermont, in 1843, son of Gilbert and Sophronia (Fitch) Stearns, was educated in the public school and at Montpelier seminary. It was while a student in the last named institution that the Civil war broke out and young Stearns hurriedly enlisted in Company F, Second Vermont Volunteer infantry.

Thirty years ago Mr. Stearns located in Lunenburg, where he has ever since made his residence. In 1871 he married Susan, daughter of Asa and Mary (Powers) Smith; she died in 1895 and Mr. Stearns, in 1900, married Mrs. Estelle M. Dodge of Lunenburg.

Parish Stearns.

He is a member of the Grange, Grand Army and an active member of the Congregational church.

KING, Willard G. History tells us that for nearly two hundred years the ancestors of Willard G. King have borne a prominent part in the building and shaping of what is now our New England territory. Willard is the sixth in descent from Dr. Samuel King, who died in Chesterfield during the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Colonel Samuel King settled in that town in 1773 and was a leading and most conspicuous person. When the controversy over the "Grants" was at its height he espoused the cause of Vermont and labored strenuously to effect the

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union of the disaffected towns with that state, and at one time was a colonel in the Vermont militia. He represented Chesterfield in the general assembly of Vermont and in the general court of New Hampshire.

Samuel King was a merchant of Chesterfield but later moved to Lunenburg and occupied a log store near the old cemetery. He married Sarah Davis.

Captain Willard King, eldest son of Samuel and Sarah (Davis) King, was born in 1796 at Chesterfield and came with his parents to Lunenburg. He was "bound out" to Judge Gates, who built the first frame house, and kept the first tavern in Lunenburg. He purchased a considerable tract of land lying north of the Ladd farm, three and a half miles from the village. Here he "struck his first blow" for a home, August 10, 1820. For several years he commanded an infantry company and was always known as Captain King. He was a man of strong religious views, positive conviction, and sturdy integrity. He died August 20, 1876.

WILLARD G. KING.

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Hon. Charles W. King was born in Lunenburg, November 9, 1832, and received his education in the public schools. At the age of seventeen he was elected a teacher of the school in his district. He continued to teach winters in Lunenburg and Concord until he was twenty-two years of age. When of age he was chosen town superintendent of schools, which office he held for many years. He held the various town offices and in 1874 represented Lunenburg in the state legislature. In 1878 he was chosen senator for Essex county and was an influential member of the committee on education. In January, 1879, he was elected a director of the First National bank of St. Johnsbury and served as a trustee of the State Normal school at Johnson.

December 25, 1860, he married Jennie E. Chandler. Their children are Charles C. and Willard G. He died August 12, 1893.

He was entrusted with the management and settlement of many estates and did much public business, and in every trust committed to his care he worked with diligence, perseverance, and efficiency. Under his affability and uniform courtesy there was a substratum of energy and decision, which, combined with a strong religious nature and great conscientiousness, held him true to the advocacy of those principles best calculated to promote the moral and intellectual advancement of the community.

Willard G. King, born September 22d, 1865, son of Hon. Charles W. and Jennie (Chandler) King, received his education in the public schools. Has devoted his time to farming on the old homestead, where the Kings have resided for more than a quarter of a century. He has served the town five years as selectman, and is a man of character and standing, inheriting many of the sturdy characteristics of the King ancestry.

BROWN, KYLE T., of Lunenburg, son of Lorenzo B. and Harriet M. (Taylor) Brown, was born in Concord, Vermont, February 5th, 1880, and came to Lunenburg with his parents when only a year old. He received his education in the public schools of Lunenburg and at the Montpelier seminary, and last December registered in the law office of Dunnett & Slack of St. Johnsbury as a law student.

Mr. Brown is a vigorous, energetic and thoroughly progressive young man, who takes a lively and enthusiastic interest in anything that will upbuild the town in a commercial way or make it a more desirable community to live and do business in. For ten years he has been connected with the mercantile life of the town, six years as manager of the L. B. Brown general store.

While only twenty-three years of age, Mr. Brown has been called upon in not only the business but social and political circles to assume many responsibilities and in each instance he has discharged the duties devolving upon him with marked courtesy, fidelity, and ability. He is an easy and graceful speaker, whose utterances are notable for their clearness, breadth, and logic.

He is serving Lunenburg as a member of the school board, town agent, and auditor, and when only

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Chas. W. King.

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twenty-one years of age served as town grand juror. He is a member of both the town and county Republican committees and is a trusted and able worker in that organization.

Mr. Brown is a member of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M., of West Concord, Pilot lodge, No. 32, Knights of Pythias, of Lancaster, New Hampshire, the Grange, of which body he is lecturer, and a member of Meridian Sun council, No. 29, Junior Order United American Mechanics; in the last named organization Mr. Brown has taken a most conspicuous part. He has filled the various chairs in local council and at the state council, October, 1902, his energy, ability, and force were recognized and he received the very flattering compliment of an election to the office of state councilor. Under his conservative administration the order has made a healthy and substantial growth, both financially and in increased membership.

KYLE T. BROWN.

Lorenzo B. Brown, father of Kyle, is a veteran of the Civil war, having

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served in Company D, First Vermont cavalry. He was taken a prisoner of war in May, 1862, near Middleton, Shenandoah valley, and confined in the famous Libby prison at Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Brown was born at Concord, Vermont, and married Harriet M. Taylor of Dalton, New Hampshire, by whom he has two children, Bert I., now a resident of Portland, Maine, and Kyle T. Mr. Brown has served for many years as one of the stewards of the Methodist church of Lunenburg.

TEMPLE, GEORGE G., was born in Concord, Vermont, April 14, 1851, son of Frank G. and Lucy (Stockwell) Temple. He received his education in the public schools of his native town and in 1873 moved to Lunenburg, where he purchased the John W. Hartshorn farm, and has conducted farming and stock raising along progressive lines. He is a man of splendid physique, strong, tireless, and energetic. With sound judgment and quick perception, a splendid success was sure to come to a man of Mr. Temple's type.

GEORGE G. TEMPLE.

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Enjoying to a marked degree the confidence of his fellow-townsmen, he has frequently been called upon to fill public office, and has discharged the duties with such fidelity and absolute fairness as to win for himself almost universal praise. He represented Lunenburg in the general assembly of 1886. In politics he is a Republican of the uncompromising class.

BREITLING, JOSEPH CUSHMAN, M. D., was born in Randolph, Massachusetts, December 9th, 1874, the son of Katherine Elizabeth (Cushman) Breitling and Gottlieb Truman Breitling.

On his father's side he descended from the Breitlings of Wurtemburg, Germany, his paternal grandfather, Joseph Breitling, coming from that old German town in the early part of the eighteenth century, first living at Demopolis, Alabama, where his son Gottlieb was born, in 1839; later residing in Mobile, Alabama, a merchant of large interests. The son Gottlieb's early life was spent at Mobile and on the extensive plantations belonging to his uncles up the river at Demopolis, his native town. He served four years in the Confederate army, in the Twenty-fourth Alabama regiment, and at the close of the war went with the Confederate troops to the relief of Maximilian in Mexico. In 1870 he married Katherine Elizabeth Cushman of Lunenburg, Vermont. Their children are Lucretia Christine, Joseph Cushman, and Clara Estelle.

On his mother's paternal side he traces his ancestry back to Robert Cushman, Captain Myles Standish, and Mary Allerton of the Pilgrim colony at Plymouth, Massachusetts, Dr. Breitling being a direct descendant of the tenth generation.

His grandfather, Thaddeus Thompson Cushman, M. D., was a native of Sumner, Maine, son of Betsey Thompson and Levi Cushman, and this branch of the Cushman family sent soldiers to the Revolutionary army. Dr. Cushman graduated from Bowdoin Medical college in 1844, and commenced his practice in Lunenburg, Vermont, where he married Lucretia Williams Gates in 1848. He was the leading physician of the town for twenty-five years and then located in the wider field at Randolph, Massachusetts, his daughter and her family making their home with him, and here he remained until his death in 1896. He was a gentleman of the old school, loved and honored by all who knew him.

On his mother's maternal side he is descended from Judge Samuel Gates, who built the first framed house and kept the first tavern in Lunenburg, and from General Horatio Gates, this branch of the Gates family coming from Marlboro, Massachusetts, where they kept the famous Williams House, at which Washington was once a guest. Ebenezer Clark was also an ancestor, coming from Northampton, Massachusetts, to Lunenburg.

Dr. Breitling received his early education in the public schools of his native town, graduating from the Stetson High school in 1892, and attending Thayer academy at Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1893-'94. He then commenced the study of medicine with his grandfather, T. T. Cushman, M. D., as preceptor, and entered the Maine Medical school at Bowdoin college, Bruns-

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JOSEPH C. BREITLING, M. D.

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wick, Maine, graduating with honor in the class of 1897. During the summer of 1896 he studied with Dr. H. P. Merrill of Portland, Maine, and attended the Portland School of Medical Instruction.

In July, 1897, he commenced the practice of medicine in Lunenburg, Vermont, where he is still located. He is at present a member of the Vermont State Medical society and Caledonia County Medical society and has been health officer since 1897.

Dr. Breitling is an accomplished musician, playing pianoforte and organ. Previous to his college life he was organist at Pilgrim church, Dorchester, Massachusetts, and during his college life played the chapel organ and was organist of the college church; was also accompanist for the Brunswick chorus for the Maine festival, under Professor Chapman as director, and took an active part in all the musical functions of the college societies.

SILSBY, WALTER S., was born in Lunenburg in 1860, son of Joshua and Josephine Silsby. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and early engaged in the lumber business, in which he had received a splendid training from his father, who, for many years was a leading business man of the town.

In 1889 he was united in marriage to Kate Stafford of East Burke. They have had no children.

Mr. Silsby, in company with his brother, John H. Silsby, is now conducting a mill in the famous Corbin park, at Newport, New Hampshire, where they have a large crew of men clearing a considerable portion of that well-known reservation. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Grange, and Junior Order American Mechanics.

John W. Silsby, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to Lunenburg in 1799. He had four sons and four daughters. His son, Joshua, was born in 1823 and married Josephine, daughter of Joseph Breitling of Mobile, Alabama, in 1850. They had born to them nine

WALTER S. SILSBY.

children, the fourth of which was Walter S.

DODGE, JOHN MARSHALL, was born in Bath, New Hampshire, September 19th, 1828, son of John and Vashta (Stickney) Dodge. When eight years of age he came to Lunenburg, where he has always made his home. His education was obtained in the public schools. His life-work has been farming along progressive lines, trading in cattle, and lumbering. For a time he, in

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company with Hon. Stephen B. Powers, conducted a sawmill at Thornton, New Hampshire.

He has ever been an active, energetic, public-spirited citizen, looking closely after both his public and private affairs. He has served Lunenburg several terms as selectman, lister, constable, and deputy sheriff; was chairman of the county committee for the Republican party for a number of years and in his seventy-fourth year he performed the duties of appraiser of real estate, constable, and collector.

In March, 1851, he was joined in marriage to Maria Rice, daughter of Nathan and Julia Rice of Lunenburg. Two children were born to them, Irving M., now residing in South McAlester, I. T., and Frank N., who died in infancy. Mrs. Dodge died in 1870 and Mr. Dodge was married in 1871 to Lucy A. Brooks, daughter of Judge Jonah Brooks of Lunenburg. They adopted a daughter, Ida M. (Mrs. Julian Bell). Mrs. Dodge died in 1880 and in 1881 he took for his third wife Florence M. Blood, daughter of Royal and Luvia (Heath) Blood.

Mr. Dodge is a director of the Lunenburg Manufacturing Co. and an active member of the Congregational church. His present homestead is a beautiful residence, splendidly situated in the village, making an ideal home for the declining years of a life which has been so active and useful to all with whom he has come in contact.

BALCH, WILLIAM EVERARD, of Lunenburg, son of Sherman and Eliza (Glines) Balch, was born in Lunenburg, February 3, 1854. After pursuing the usual educational course in the public schools and St. Johnsbury academy, at sixteen years of age he left the farm and entered his father's carriage shop to learn that trade, after which he spent two years in the West, returning in 1875 to his native place, and again entered the employ of his father. From his early boyhood Mr. Balch devoted all of his spare time to the study of natural history, and the collection of specimens illustrating that science. On his return to

WILD BOAR.
Set up by William E. Balch.

Vermont he took up taxidermy and employed his leisure in forming a collection of the birds and animals of the state, with such success that in eight years he had gathered all the representative specimens of Vermont. This collection was sent to the World's fair at New Orleans as the state collection. About this time he was offered the position of

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state taxidermist and at this time he left the carriage shop and has devoted all of his time to the art of taxidermy and studying natural history. His lifelong study of natural history entitles him to rank among the foremost of amateur naturalists, to which fact his large private cabinet of birds, mammals, and other collections that he has got together for schools, private and public museums, will bear ample testimony. "Do it well or not at all" and "keep everlastingly at it" are the mottoes which with the conscientious care and study which Mr. Balch gives to all his work has brought him an enviable reputation as a taxidermist, and his lifelike attitudes and expression of his large mammals and the truthfulness of his small animal and bird groups, representing the life history of the specimens at home, with young or nests and eggs, have never been excelled if equaled. The Fairbanks museum at St. Johnsbury shows the high scientific standard of his work, also his group of beavers in the University museum at Burlington, Vermont, not to mention the hundreds of fine game heads all

WILLIAM E. BALCH.

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through the country which are of the highest grade of work. Mr. Balch has never been an extensive traveler but his native state, New Hampshire, and the best game regions of Maine are as familiar to him as one's own home town, and many is the time when studying some bird or animal in its native haunt or off on a collecting trip, has he had no other covering than the stars, rain, or a snow storm. Mr. Balch has been too much absorbed in his work to take much active interest in political movements, but in 1892 he was elected to the legislature by the largest Republican majority ever given to a man from Lunenburg. He served with credit on the special joint committee on fish and game, for which place he was well fitted. He is much interested in the preservation of game and fish and has held the office of game warden for eight years and it is safe to say that he has been the means of saving many more birds than he has ever killed.

Mr. Balch early found that an expert knowledge of photography would be of great value in his work and being a man of fine tastes and artistic conception he readily developed a high degree of proficiency in the art and has produced some marvelously beautiful works of art and has done much to preserve the scenic splendor of eastern New England. Among his many notable triumphs in this line might be mentioned the fact that he made the first photograph of live beaver

BUFFALO IN FAIRBANKS MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE, ST. JOHNSBURY.

Set up by William E. Balch.

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at work. This photograph created a profound sensation in the scientific world and added much to the known knowledge of this remarkable little animal.

Mr. Balch wedded September 27th, 1876, Ella, daughter of Jordon and Lois A. (Powers) Marr. They have had two children, Florence May (deceased) and Walter E.

FRANKLIN BELL.

BELL, WILLIAM, one of the early settlers of Lunenburg, came from Washington, New Hampshire, in 1807, when Reuben, his oldest son, was thirteen years old, who, when he became of age, made himself a farm beside his father's, and reared a family of six children.

Franklin, son of Reuben, was born June 30, 1828, and remained with his father, getting what education he could at the district school, with a few terms of high school at the village, to which he walked two and one half miles to and from every day; teaching school winters and working on the farm summers.

In 1849 his father died, leaving him to care for his mother and younger sisters.

In 1858 he married Mary Chandler and soon after moved to the

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River farm, where he now resides, enjoying some of the finest river and mountain scenery in the region. He has always been a successful farmer, and at the time the Portland & Ogdensburg railroad was built through Lunenburg he commenced the mercantile business in a small way, which has increased, until now he has two of his sons, Adino and Julian, associated with him, doing an extensive mercantile business as Franklin Bell & Son, and grain and milling business under the name of Wanaton Milling company; they also carry on butchering and meat business. Being strong believers in the cash system of doing business, they adopted that way about three years ago, and find it the true way to avoid failure, as business has increased very rapidly since then. These various enterprises have added to the welfare of the town.

WILLIAM R. BELL.

Mr. Bell, being a staunch Democrat, has never been troubled with government or state offices, which has given him more time to attend to his own business and the welfare of the town, in the business of which he has taken an active part for the past fifty years.

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He is very firm in his religious belief, which is to pay an honest tax, help support some religious society, live honorably, and deal justly.

BELL, WILLIAM R., son of Franklin Bell, was born in Lunenburg, February 10, 1859, and attended the district schools of the town and a few terms of select school at Lunenburg village. After completing his education, Mr. Bell remained on the home farm until his marriage, January 2, 1884, to Emma Clark. He then purchased the Sumner ferry, so-called, and operated it until 1888, when he disposed of it and bought the farm adjoining that of his father, Franklin Bell, on the South Lunenburg road, where he still resides.

A large dairy is kept, consisting of about forty cows, all of a high grade. Mr. Bell devotes considerable attention to horse raising and has at this writing fourteen, eight of which are under four years of age. He has always taken a deep and intelligent interest in agriculture, is a director in the Essex and Coös County Fair association, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Order of the Eastern Star, and Moose River lodge, No. 28, F. & A. M., of West Concord. He is recognized as a man of sound judgment and absolute integrity and although a member of the minority party he has served the town two years as lister, and as selectman five years.

Four children have blessed the Bell household: Ralph W., Hubert R., Mary P., and William Franklin.

BISHOP, LESLIE I., son of Lendel and Ellen Bishop, was born in Littleton, New Hampshire, in 1862. Lendell Bishop was a carpenter by trade and was located many years at St. Johnsbury as foreman of the car shops. Leslie graduated from St. Johnsbury academy in 1877. He soon after entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph company, learned telegraphy, and was for two years ticket agent of the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad, during the time that this road maintained a separate office. In 1881 he entered the accounting department of the general office at St. Johnsbury, and remained three years, until the road was leased to the Boston & Lowell railroad, when he was assigned to the position of station agent at North Concord, which he filled for four years. After this varied and valuable experience, he was transferred in October, 1889, to the Lunenburg station, at the time it became a junction station. Here he has general charge of the business of the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad and of the Maine Central, a most important and responsible position, which Mr. Bishop fills in a manner highly satisfactory to all concerned. Since the development of the extensive pulp and paper mills at Fitzdale, the business of the office has greatly increased, an important function being the settling of accounts between the two railroads, this station being a terminal.

Leslie I. Bishop is recognized as an able and reliable business man. He has taken an active interest in public improvements, and is a director and joint owner of the Lunenburg Telephone company. He has found time to serve the town repeatedly as auditor, and as a selectman, and is at present chairman of the board. Twice he has been the nominee of the Democratic party for town rep-

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resentative, polling much more than the party vote, a deserved tribute to his personal standing. He is a past master of Moose River lodge, No. 28, F. & A. M., of West Concord, and a member of Palestine commandery of St. Johnsbury.

Leslie I. Bishop married, in 1883, Julia, daughter of Hubbard and Caroline Morgan Hastings of Concord. They have a family of five children: Charles L., Jennie C., Harold H., Ellen L., and Margaret O. Bishop.

LESLIE I. BISHOP.

BISHOP, HARRY N., was born at Lyndon, Vermont, April 16, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of St. Johnsbury and New Gloucester, Maine. He was appointed station agent at Lunenburg in June, 1887, for the Boston & Lowell railroad. He resigned in November, 1888, to accept a similar position with the Upper Coös railroad at Colebrook, New Hampshire, and a year later was transferred to the auditor's office at North Stratford, New Hampshire. May, 1890, he was appointed train dispatcher for the Maine Central railroad at North Stratford. He was appointed cashier for this road the following

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March at Lancaster, New Hampshire. November, 1891, he was transferred to the freight agent's office at Portland, Maine. In December, 1892, he was appointed agent for the same company at North Stratford. In February, 1896, he resigned from the service of the Maine Central railroad and engaged with the Boston & Maine railroad as relief agent. In August, 1897, he accepted a similar position on the Grand Trunk railway. November, 1898, he went to Minneapolis and accepted the position of relief agent on the Soo line, and worked in that capacity both on the "Soo" and the Chicago & North Western railway until December, 1899. In May, 1900, he entered the employ of the Dalton Power company at Fitzdale, Vermont, as shipping clerk, which position he now holds, with other duties. He was commissioned postmaster at Fitzdale in March, 1901. He is a member of Evening Star lodge, No. 37, A. F. & A. M., of Colebrook, New Hampshire.

HARRY N. BISHOP.

Mr. Bishop married, in August, 1892, Mabel Lena, daughter of Enoch and Martha Jane Hubbard.

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They have three children: Lendel Nathaniel, Harry Atwood, and Mildred Martha.

LEMINGTON.*

Population, Census of 1900, 204.

The town of Lemington is situated near the northeast corner of the state, is six miles square and contains 23,040 acres.

The township of Limington was granted by Benning Wentworth, governor of the Province of New Hampshire, under George the Third, to Samuel Averill and sixty-three others. There were seventy shares in all, the remaining six shares being divided as follows: two shares, or 500 acres, reserved to Governor Wentworth in the east corner of the town, and known as the Governor's corner, one share for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, one share for a glebe for the Church of England, one share for the first settled minister of the gospel, and one share for the benefit of a school in said town. This grant, or charter, was dated June 29, 1762. No settlers came to town for several years, and no town-meeting was held until Monday, March 28, 1796. Hon. Mills De Forest, then the most prominent man in town, was chosen town clerk, an office which he held for many years. The name of the town was changed from Limington to Lemington about this time.

The first settlers of Lemington endured many hardships. They were obliged to transport their grain to Guildhall, a distance of twenty-five miles, to be ground. There were no roads except bridle paths for at least part of the way, and the grain had to be taken on horseback, or down the river in a canoe. The canoes were dugouts made from Pine trees, of which there were plenty and many of which were wantonly cut down and allowed to go to decay. The first settlers who were rich enough to own a cow lived the first season on milk, game, fish, and berries until the potatoes were big enough to eat, when their diet consisted mostly of potatoes and milk, generally without salt, which was very scarce and dear. Of course tea, spices, and other groceries were not to be had. The next year, if they were fortunate they would raise some wheat or corn and live more luxuriously. They would also, perhaps, try to keep a few sheep (which were quite liable, however, to be killed by wolves or bears), and would raise a little flax. The gudewife would card, spin, weave, and make into garments the woolen for winter, and the linen for summer, wear. Cotton goods cost too much for even the richest to afford.

About the only way the early settlers could procure money was by cutting the hard wood trees, burning them, collecting and leaching the ashes, and boiling the lye until it was converted to salts of lye, from which potash was made. If a stout young man could make a shilling a day at this work he was well satisfied.

It was usually voted at the town-meetings to pay the town and school taxes in grain at a fixed price and even as late as 1826 it was "voted to pay the school tax in grain at the following price per bushel, wheat, $1.25; rye, $.91; corn, $1.00; oats, $.31."

*Sketch by Hon. Arthur T. Holbrook.

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But very few of us would be contented to live in those times and under those conditions. About three fourths of Lemington is covered by forests which will not probably be cleared soon as the profit of growing timber is greater than that of farming.

ARTHUR T. HOLBROOK.

HOLBROOK, JUDGE ARTHUR T., son of Thomas P. and Olive (Buffington) Holbrook, was born in Lemington, November 8, 1839. His father came from Belchertown, Massachusetts, as one of the first settlers in 1805.

Judge Holbrook received his education in the schools of his native town and at Colebrook academy. He has always followed farming and has frequently been called upon to fill positions of trust and confidence. For thirty years he has been town clerk of Lemington and for fifteen years its treasurer; both positions he still fills to the entire satisfaction of the people, and although a staunch, uncompromising, and lifelong Republican in a Democratic town, he was elected to represent it in the Vermont general assembly in 1874. In 1870 he served as a member of the constitutional convention. In 1898 he was elected assistant judge for Essex county, to which position he was reëlected in 1900.

January 17, 1880, he married Marial C., daughter of Judge Elias and Clarissa (Smith) Lyman. Two children were born to them, Maud L., and Harold A. Mrs. Holbrook died January 19, 1901, and in January, 1903, Judge Holbrook was united in marriage to Lucy A. Knapp of Colebrook, New Hampshire.

OTIS E. COVELL.

COVELL, OTIS E., was born in Colebrook, New Hampshire, in 1858, son of Freeman P. and Rebecca (Hicks) Covell, and educated in the common schools of Colebrook.

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In 1878 he was united in marriage to Olive R. Cole of Colebrook, and by this union had three children, Jesse S., Albert L., and Nina E. (deceased). In 1885 he located in Lemington, Vermont, on the Monadnock stock farm. In 1892 he married Martha J. Fletcher of Stewartstown, New Hampshire, and this union has been blessed by two children, Isaiah F. (deceased) and Hazel F.

Mr. Covell has held several of the town offices and in 1890 represented Lemington in the Vermont legislature.

COVELL, JESSE S., of Lemington, was born in Colebrook, New Hampshire, in 1879; was educated

JESSE S. COVELL.

at Colebrook academy, and with his father has always followed farming, and together they are examples of the thoroughly intelligent and progressive Vermont farmer.

In 1901 Jesse was married to Annie E. Gray of Lemington. They have one child, Eleanor M.

Mr. Covell has held nearly every town office, and in 1902 was its representative to the legislature.

RAMSAY, GEORGE R., son of Judge George L. and Annette E.

GEORGE R. RAMSEY.

(Dyer) Ramsay, was born in Lemington in November, 1874. He attended the public schools of his native town and took up farming on the home place with his father.

With splendid courage and a clear foresight Mr. Ramsay, although a mere boy of eighteen years, took up the heavy responsibilities so suddenly devolving upon him through his father's untimely and sudden death in December, 1892. He has one of the finest meadow farms in the Connecticut valley. For seven years he has been first selectman and in 1900 represented his town in the legislature.

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From his father he inherited a clear, sound mind, good judgment, and a generous disposition, which is the occasion of his counsel being frequently sought by his townsmen.

In 1899 he was united in marriage to Mary E. Burbank of Bloomfield. Three beautiful children have blessed their union, Marion Annette, Kathleen Dorothy, and Mary Minerva.

READ, FRED, was born in Lemington, Essex county, Vermont, in

FRED READ.

1872, son of George A. and Eliza A. (Lyman) Read. He received his education in the public schools of Lemington, where he has always resided, following the occupation of millwright and farmer, and where he now conducts a feed and sawmill, furnishing the general consumer with hardwood, lumber, heavy stocks, carriage work, and feed.

In September, 1902, he married Celia Scott of Bloomfield.

His home place consists of 145 acres, under a good state of cultivation. He has always taken an interest in town affairs and but for his political affiliation would have been frequently called to public office. He has served as town auditor and is a member of the Grange.

George A. Read, the father, came to Lemington fromThetford nearly half a century ago and located on the farm now occupied by his son.

BLOOMFIELD.*

Population, Census of 1900, 564.

Bloomfield is situated in the eastern part of the county in latitude 44° 48′ and longitude 5° 18′ and is bounded northeast by Lemington, southeast by Connecticut river, southwest by Brunswick and northwest by Lewis. The surface of the town is uneven, with picturesque scenery. Along the banks of the Connecticut and Nulhegan rivers are several beautiful and productive low meadows. In other parts of the town high meadows border the rivers and in a few places the hills extend to the streams.

On the high meadows and even on the hill portions of the town the soil is rich and good for farming purposes.

The lumberman may still say of a very few lots in town, "This is the forest primeval." A large amount of hardwood timber is yet growing in the town.

Minehead was the name given the township when the charter was granted June 29, 1762. Jonas Baker surveyed the town in 1802,

*Sketch by Rev. Asa C. Fuller.

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dividing the same into lots of 112 acres each, three lots to each share. The Baker survey has since been considered the true survey. A proprietors' meeting was held at the dwelling house of Gaius Kibbe, July 23, 1802. "Voted to draw the several lots laid out and Jonas Baker, an indifferent person, was appointed to draw the same." It is supposed that Thomas Lampkin was the first settler in town and that he came in 1796.

In 1890 Bloomfield had a population of 827, but in 1900 the population had decreased to 564 on account of the mill being idle. Bloomfield is a small post village in the southeast part of the town.

In 1885 the Nulhegan Lumber Co. built what was then considered the finest sawmill in Vermont and as good as any in the United States. For some years the mill has not been running, but it is now owned by the Connecticut Valley Lumber Co., and is expected to be operated in a few months.

The Lyman Falls Power company has recently been organized and is now building a dam across the Connecticut river, and a canal, for the purpose of utilizing the excellent water-power at this point.

A high school has just been opened, providing instruction for home pupils and several outside the town.

The Methodist Episcopal church in Bloomfield has one house of worship, built in 1859. Previous to that time public worship was held in schoolhouses and dwelling houses. Since 1860 regular Sabbath preaching has been maintained in this church.

The Calvinist Baptist church. In 1844 a small church of this denomination was formed. For some years services were held a part of the time and finally the society merged into the Baptist church of North Stratford, New Hampshire.

The Roman Catholic church. In 1878 the Roman Catholic society of this and adjoining towns built a comfortable little church edifice at the village and a service has been conducted there somewhat irregularly till the present time.

LEONARD T. WILLIAMS.

WILLIAMS, LEONARD T., was born in New Brunswick in 1846, and was the son of Reuben and Elizabeth Williams.

Mr. Williams located in Bloomfield in 1870 and for twenty-five years was employed as a civil engineer by the Connecticut Valley Lumber company. In 1875 he was united in marriage to Martha Fuller of Bloomfield. Eight children

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blessed this union, viz., Percy L., Mary E. (now Mrs. Leslie Shoff), Wendall P., Everett J., Clinton B., Mildred P., Muriel, and Frederick F. (deceased).

During his lifetime Mr. Williams held the various town offices, including clerk and treasurer. Four times he was called upon to represent his town in the state legislature. Mr. Williams would undoubtedly have been elected state senator for Essex county in 1902, but for his untimely death, as he was the choice of his party.

A man of rare discernment, tact, and sound judgment, whose advice and counsel was often sought, made him a natural leader among men, faithful to every trust, an indefatigable worker for the good of the community, made his death, May 14th, 1902, an occasion of profound sorrow to his neighbors and townspeople. He was affiliated with the Foresters, Knights of Pythias and was a thirty-second degree Mason.

SHOFF, HAINES, was born in 1780, and for many years was a resident of the town of Brunswick. He married, April 30, 1804, Lois Webster, who was born November 10, 1784. Their children were Orlando, who was born October 8, 1805; Amanda P., Fanny S., Daniel H., Martha P., Anna F., Abijah P., Rollin A., Jacob W., Lois J.

Orlando Shoff settled in Bloomfield in 1825 and held the various town offices and represented the town several times in the state legislature. He was a man of sterling integrity, high ideals, and absolute courage, and left the impress of a long and useful career upon the town of his adoption. He died in 1878. His children were Oscar H., Octa (Mrs. Albert Buzzell), Samuel O., Gardiner J., Harriett A. (Mrs. Virgil York), and Mary J. (Mrs. Robert Gathercole).

ORLANDO SHOFF.

Samuel O. Shoff, on March 4, 1871, married Josephine B. French, daughter of John D. and Lucina S. (Norris) French. They have had five children, Ina C. (now Mrs. Andrew E. Elliott of Berlin, New Hampshire.), Samuel L., Floyd G., Lucina J. (deceased), and Lyle K.

Mr. Shoff has always followed farming and lumber checking. In the latter capacity he was employed for twenty years. He has served his town as selectman, road commissioner, tax collector, lister, town grand juror, and was a member of the last state constitutional convention from Bloomfield.

FULLER, HENRY, of Bloomfield, son of Henry and Thankful (Bowker) Fuller, was born in Maidstone.

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August 26th, 1838. When two years old his father moved to Bloomfield, where the subject of this sketch has since resided. He was educated in the common schools and at Derby academy. He has always been interested in the religious and educational interests of the town.

Several years he has held the office of superintendent of schools, also taught many terms of school.

HENRY FULLER.

Thirteen years he has been town clerk and at different times served in nearly every capacity as a town officer.

He married, May 31, 1864, Miss Nettie W. Colby of Whitefield, New Hampshire. Of this union have been born Henry Clarence (died October 9th, 1867), and Asa Colby. Mrs. Fuller died January 15th, 1868. He was again married November 28th, 1870, to Miss Mary L., daughter of Nathan M. and Mary Johnson of Bloomfield.

Of this union have been born W. Earle and Mary Maude. This wife died October 13th, 1895. Mr. Fuller married August 26th, 1897, Miss Abbie, daughter of Gideon and Susan Mathews.

FULLER, ASA COLBY, of Bloomfield, son of Henry and Nettie (Colby) Fuller, was born in Bloomfield, September 21st, 1866. He attended the common schools and the Littleton (New Hampshire) High school, from which he was graduated the valedictorian of his class.

He then taught school a few years, in which work he ranked among the first teachers in the

ASA C. FULLER.

county. He attended Montpelier seminary and from there entered the ministry in the M. E. church, where he served successfully for

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more than seven years. On account of ill health he left the ministry for a time and moved back to his native town. Here he is giving some attention to farming while he is regaining his health. He is town clerk, treasurer, and superintendent of schools. This is the third town in which he has held the latter office.

He married, August 28th, 1892, Hattie A. Burroughs of Glover. Three children have been born to them, Emma Annette, Leonard Leemon Beeman, and Henry Hoyt.

SPENCER, WILLIAM B., was born in Minehead (now Bloomfield), August 21, 1827. He was a son of Gratis and Susannah (Dearth) Spencer, whom early history tells us were

WILLIAM B. SPENCER.

among the first settlers of the town. William B. married Cordelia Fuller, January 6th, 1847, and seven children blessed the union: Ellen C., (Mrs. S. W. Holbrook), Edwin W., Amelia L. (Mrs. A. E. Elliott of Gloucester, Massachusetts), Ada Ann (Mrs. O. C. Stafford), Henry

HORACE A. SPENCER.

G., Jennie A. (Mrs. E. A. Travers of Errol, New Hampshire), and Horace A., who was born September 24th, 1865, and who resides on the old homestead on Spencer Hill. Horace has always been a farmer and has ever taken a lively interest in all matters that would tend to the further development and progress of Bloomfield. In 1888 he married Martha B. Goodale of Lancaster, New Hampshire, and has had three children, Roger O., Ila D., and Horace Elwyn. The Spencers, grandfather, father, and son, have all held the various town offices and have exerted a wide and beneficial influence in the community.

MARTIN, ALONZO A., a native of Vermont, married Linda A. Hol-

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brook, and had nine children: two, Marion L. and Winslow F., died when young; those living are Elwin L., Alvin L. (of Groveton, New Hampshire), Sumner T., Mansil J. (of Bradford, Vermont), Jennie E. (now Mrs. Leon Walling of Bethel, Maine), Julius A., and Minnie M. (now Mrs. Edgar Moulton).

Mr. Martin is a veteran of the Civil war and served three years in the Third Vermont infantry.

MARTIN, SUMNER T., was born in Bloomfield in 1872 and is a son of Alonzo A. and Linda A. (Holbrook) Martin. He received his education in the public schools of Bloomfield, has always been a farmer of the progressive type, and together with his father they have

SUMNER T. MARTIN.

600 acres of farm land. He is affiliated with the Order of Foresters and is now serving his third year as a selectman of Bloomfield.

BRUNSWICK.

Population, Census of 1900, 106.

Brunswick was chartered by Governor Wentworth to Stephen Noble and sixty-three others in 1761.

Arthur Wooster made the first clearing of a few acres on the upper side of Wait Bow, but soon after abandoned it, and never became a resident of the town. In 1788 Eben W. Judd made the first survey and allotment of the town.

David Hix and Abram Gile were the first settlers of the town. Hix was a cooper and did very little to make and improve his farm. He was taken prisoner by the Indians and carried to Canada where he was forced to remain for more than two years. Gile took up the abandoned site of Wooster at Wait Bow, but remained only a short time.

To John Merrill is due the credit of being the first permanent settler of the town. He came from Lisbon, New Hampshire, in 1778, and settled on the first farm north of the Maidstone line on the river. He was a man of strength of character, a natural leader and a man of high ideals.

The town was organized in 1796, Joseph Wait being chosen first town clerk and Joseph Wait, David Hyde, and John Merrill, selectmen.

In 1790 the first road was surveyed, lying along the Connecticut river from the Maidstone line to the south line of Bloomfield. Eben W. Judd was the surveyor. In 1793 the road was built from the river through Ferdinand to Island Pond.

The first child born in the town was George W. Hix, son of David.

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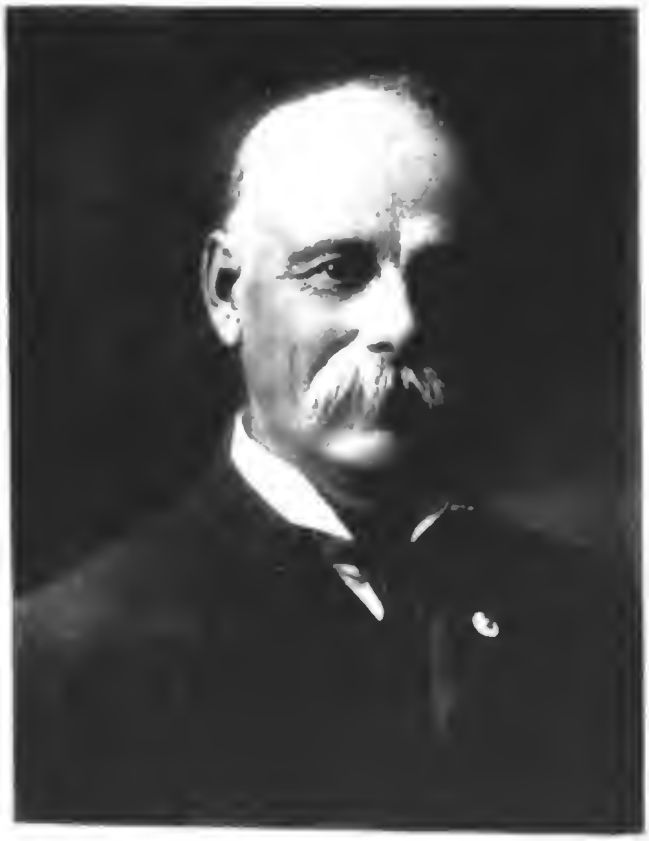
BEATTIE, Hon. J. Henry, son of David H. and Harriet D. (Carlisle Beattie, was born in Maidstone, January 17, 1847, and was educated in the public schools of Maidstone, the Essex county grammar school, the Newbury seminary, and Lancaster academy. In 1869 he located in Brunswick, the adjoining town, where he still resides. He has held all the various town offices, represented Brunswick in the general assembly in 1872-'73-'74-'75, and Essex county in the state senate in 1896-'97.

November 30, 1875, he was united in marriage to Celia M. French of Brunswick. They have been blessed by four children, David H., 2d (deceased), Mattie L., Roy F., and James H.

Mr. Beattie is a lumber man and farmer, having devoted a considerable time to exploring and estimating timber lands, and has been connected with some of the most important land deals of late years.



J. Henry Beattie.

O'DOWD, James, son of James and Rose (McCabe) McDowd, was born in St. Sylvester, Province of

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Quebec, in 1853. He attended the public schools of his native town. For eighteen years after coming to the United States he resided in New Hampshire, and in 1895 located in the town of Brunswick, and has followed farming. In 1883 he married Susan Burns of St. Sylvester, Province of Quebec. They have had eight children: Mary A., Michael J., Rose, Kate, Susie, John, Daniel E., and George.

Mr. O'Dowd has frequently been called to hold public office and has served Brunswick as road commissioner and selectman, and in 1900 represented the town in the legislature.

CONCORD.

Population, Census of 1900, 1,129.

The early settlement of the town of Concord is unmarked by tragic incidents or features of exceptional interest. In 1783, just after the close of the Revolutionary struggle, Joseph Ball, the pioneer settler, pitched his claim in the new township and began the Herculean task of opening up a farm and building a home amid the shadows of the primeval wilderness. His son, John, born in 1789, was the first child born in town and consequently received a gratuitous grant of land from the early proprietors. The first settlements were made in the southeastern part of the town on the meadows of the Connecticut river. The town grew slowly. In 1795, twelve years after the first settlement, there were but seventeen families.

At the first town-meeting, held at the house of Joseph Morse, October 5, 1794, Captain Samuel Weatherbee was chosen clerk and Samuel Hudson, collector. The early business center of the town was at Concord Corner, a small upland village a mile and a half south of the geographical center. Here was located the great Congregationalist church (at first the town church), with its antique carved walls, wide galleries on three sides, square pews, and high pulpit, the old brick academy, where Rev. Samuel Reed Hall, in the twenties, taught the first normal school in the United States, the hotel, many years kept by James Darling, the Grout and Cornelius Judevine stores, the latter for many years kept by Col. J. G. Darling, William and George Richardson's blacksmith shop, Elmore Chase's shoe shop, a butter's shop, etc.

For many years this village was a flourishing trade and educational center, but being on a hill without water-power, it was destitute of manufactures. The village of West Concord, a station of the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad, and located in the southwestern part of the town on Moose river, eight miles from St. Johnsbury, has been the trade and business center for the past half century. John D. Chase, father of Denison and Jefferson Chase, built a dwelling house and sawmill here in 1838. The post-office was established in 1830, Levi Howe built the grist-mill in 1840, and about the same time Stephen S. Hill opened the first store, also various mechanical industries were started, and the Universalist church erected. About 1845, the second sawmill was erected, and the foundry and machine shop of John D. Chase & Sons established. For many years West Concord was one of the most flourishing small villages in the state.

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The Portland & Ogdensburg railroad, now the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad, was built here in 1870-'71, in aid of which the town was heavily bonded. A series of disastrous fires of mills and manufactories, of heavy commercial failures in 1876, and the incubus of a large bonded debt, for nearly a quarter of a century seemed to depress and retard the industries of the village. The past five years has witnessed marked improvements.

The bonded debt has been largely reduced, and the balance mostly refunded at a low rate of interest; many houses have been rebuilt or modernized, and several new ones erected; the Judevine Memorial school building has been erected; the Kirby granite quarries opened and two granite sheds erected, and the Leader Granite company business started; the chemical works of Lyster Brothers, and Trout Brook creamery, important and valuable enterprises, have been established; also C. E. Dudley's steam mill and chair stock factory; real estate has advanced 25 per cent., and a feeling of hopefulness prevails.

The village contains two churches, Universalist and Methodist, two sawmills, a grist-mill, carriage and repair shop, tin shop and harness shop, several blacksmiths, eight stores and groceries, a lawyer, two physicians, and a hotel.

There are prosperous societies of Masons, Odd Fellows, and the G. A. R., with the auxiliary orders, also of the U. O. G. C., and the Woodmen of America, and the social and business interests of the town are taking on new life and energy. A large lumber business and considerable trade is carried on by W. L. Russell at Miles Pond and C. D. Root at East Concord, which is quite a thriving village. The great paper and pulp industry at Fitzdale has largely enhanced the value of real estate in this part of the town. Magnificent panoramic views of the White and Franconia mountains are obtained at many points in town. Hall's pond is a liquid gem among the hills, with a background of towering summits.

The splendid and practically untouched granite quarries on Kirby mountain await only the union of capital and labor for the upbuilding of a great business enterprise at West Concord, while the railroad, the telephone, and the rural free delivery places the farmers' homes in daily touch with the heart throbs of the great world.

WALBRIDGE, JOHN HILL, son of Captain Henry and Almira Hill Walbridge, was born at Plainfield, June 30, 1847. His mother died when he was sixteen months old, and he found a home with his maternal granduncle, Chauncey Hill, a substantial farmer of Concord. His father went to Michigan as a salesman for the Fairbanks company, was a captain in the Twenty-fourth Michigan volunteers, and became a successful trial lawyer. After attending the common and select schools of Concord, and one term at St. Johnsbury, Mr. Walbridge graduated from Lombard university, Galesburg, Illinois, in 1870, with the degree of B. S. At the earnest solicitation of his foster parents he returned to West Concord, and cared for their declining years. He met with severe pecuniary losses by reason of disastrous fires and failures, and by his liability as bondsman during the seventies. For many

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years thereafter his attention was mainly devoted to the care of his farming interests in Concord, and he still owns and resides on a small but productive farm in West Concord. During the past ten years much of his time has been devoted to writing special editions of towns and literary work of a biographical character.

JOHN H. WALBRIDGE.

Mr. Walbridge has achieved marked success in this congenial field, and has formed an extensive and agreeable acquaintance with the business and public men of Vermont. He has held various town offices, including that of superintendent of schools, which he has filled at four different periods. An ardent Republican, he has frequently spoken during political campaigns, and sometimes on memorial occasions. He was elected to the legislature in 1888, was a member of the committee on education, drew and introduced several bills, including the present law for the protection of horse owners, and the law regulating Western investments of savings banks. He is the

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present senator from Essex county, was chairman of the committee on education, a member of the judiciary, of the joint committee on rules, and of the joint committee of twenty-five on temperance legislation. He presented and advocated the bill amendatory of the prohibitory law drafted by Judge Ross, and opposed the passage of the present license law. He also drew and presented the present law providing free tuition in high schools and academies for qualified pupils of any town, and several other important educational measures, that passed the senate. He was for many years a trustee of the Johnson Normal school, and is a member of the board of visitors of Norwich university. He is an interested student of politics and of current social and economic questions. For a third of a century he has been a member of Moose River lodge, F. & A. M., and three times worshipful master.

He married Cynthia, daughter of Elmore and Cynthia Chase in 1872. They have three children: Henry C., assistant editor of the *Waltham Times*; Blanche May, stenographer with Singer Sewing Machine company at Boston, and Winifred, a pianist and school teacher.

HASTINGS, LAMBERT WILLIAM, son of Hubbard, and Caroline Morgan Hastings, was born in Concord August 29, 1869. His grandfather, Lambert Hastings, was for nearly half a century a famous and extensive drover, also a lumberman and general farmer of Concord, a man of absolute integrity and excellent judgment.

Hubbard Hastings was also a highly esteemed business man, associated with his father, and general manager of the farm and the Miles Pond mill. He died in 1882, and the family soon after moved to St. Johnsbury, where Lambert W. completed his education at the Union school, and clerked for a time. In December, 1885, he engaged as a clerk with Charles H. Stevens, at Stevens' mill, Granby, where he soon became bookkeeper, and practically superintendent of a mercantile business that finally became $35,000 per annum.

In 1894 the general office was moved to St. Johnsbury, where Mr. Hastings resided until 1896, when he bought the stock of goods in the J. C. Taylor store at West Concord, still retaining his position with C. H. Stevens until 1897.

Mr. Hastings modernized the store and its methods, and did a steadily increasing business which became extensive and more than doubled during his six years in trade. In 1898 he bought the Ira Lee farm, two miles north of West Concord, which he largely improved and developed, and which he still owns. In December, 1899, he bought the Harvey Judevine sawmill at West Concord, which he has practically rebuilt on modern lines, doubling its capacity. It had been run as a small custom mill, but during the season of 1901-'02 Mr. Hastings manufactured 900,000 feet, mostly of finished lumber, and the past season 600,000 feet. He employs eight or ten men, and his various and extensive business enterprises have put the bread on many a table in West Concord. He has been prominently identified with other enterprises—the granite quarries and sheds, the creamery, which have conduced to the welfare and pros-

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perity of West Concord. He is a liberal contributor for preaching and chairman of the executive committee of the Universalist society.

Enterprising and public-spirited, he has found time to serve the public in various capacities as school director and lister of Granby, as auditor and selectman in Concord. He is the present representative and served on the railroad committee. He is a member of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M., of Palestine commandery, and of the Mystic Shrine. His influence can always be counted for progress and public improvement.

Lambert W. Hastings married, in December, 1889, Lena, daughter of the late Rufus S. and Abbey Cheney Brigham of West Concord. They have an interesting family of four children: Hubbard, Janette C., R. Brigham, and Ruth M. Hastings.

LAMBERT W. HASTINGS.

JOHNSON, DR. RUSSELL THAYER, son of Ransel and Sally A. (Farmer) Johnson, was born April 4, 1841, at Newark. His common school training was supplemented by a course at Charlestown academy,

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Hatley, Province of Quebec, and he successfully taught several terms of school. He commenced the study of medicine in 1860 at Lyndon, under Dr. Charles S. Cahoon, and attended three courses of lectures, one each at the medical department of U. V. M., College of Physicians and Surgeons of the city of New York, and Bellevue Hospital Medical college, graduating from the latter in 1867. Dr. Johnson began the practice of medicine in Stanstead, Province of Quebec, and in 1869 he moved to West Concord, where he has since remained and built up an extensive practice which also covers all adjoining towns, and where he has made a financial success. He is a member of the Vermont State Medical society, and was its vice-president in 1886; member of the White Mountain Medical society; health officer of Concord and adjoining towns several years. In 1876 he was a delegate to the International Medical Congress at Philadelphia. For a score of years he was United States medical examiner for pensions, and fills that position for several insurance societies at the present time.

RUSSELL T. JOHNSON, M. D.

Dr. Johnson has held several

town offices, including that of treasurer, and was many years moderator and represented Concord in the legislature in 1884-'85. For fourteen years he was supervisor of the insane. In 1862 he enlisted in the Eleventh Vermont regiment and served nearly three years, most of the time in the medical department of the Sixth Army corps. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army, having served on the national staff at different periods. Dr. Johnson is widely and favorably known in fraternal circles, being a member of Concordia lodge, No. —, Odd Fellows, and of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M., which latter body he has served for many years as secretary, having passed all of the chairs. At three different periods he has been district deputy grand master. He is a member of Palestine commandery of St. Johnsbury, and has attained the 32d degree. His ready wit and cheerful optimism render him a delightful social companion in any assembly.

Dr. Johnson was married in 1869 to Asenath A., daughter of Samuel and Almira Currier Weeks of Wheelock.

SMITH, Rev. Alven M., son of David M. and Lois (Thompson) Smith, was born at Williamstown, November 5, 1865. He was reared upon a farm, taught school four winters, and graduated from Goddard seminary in 1886. After serving as attendant one year at the Taunton, Massachusetts, asylum, he pursued a course of study at the Canton, New York, Theological school, graduating in 1892. The next Sabbath he married Alice, daughter of Joel and Sarah (Barnes) Blackmer, of Stockbridge. He was at once settled as pastor over the Universalist churches of Williamstown and Washington, and conducted a pleasant and successful pastorate of six and one half years among his early friends at Williamstown, and nine years at Washington, meanwhile repairing both church edifices.

During this time he was elected a missionary for the Central association, and upon resignation of his pastorate, he left two pastors

Rev. Alven M. Smith.

and four churches, where he began alone with two churches. Called to West Concord without candidating, in June, 1901, he has done zealous and efficient work, also in the temperance field, and substantial repairs have been effected on the church building. He was at once elected missionary of the Northern association, and recently has been chosen superintendent over the Universalist churches of Vermont and Province

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of Quebec. He has bought a residence in West Concord. Rev. Alven M. and Alice (Blackmer) Smith have two interesting children: John Blackmer and Percy Thompson Smith.

taught several terms of school. He early evinced a decided taste for vocal music, which he had an opportunity to cultivate, and having a baritone voice of remarkable power, compass, and quality, soon became

HARRY H. MAY.

MAY, PROF. HARRY H., the well-known vocalist, the youngest of the five sons of Preston and Sophia (Grout) May, was born in Concord, May, 29, 1848. His literary education was obtained in the common and select schools of Concord, and during his minority he successfully

locally prominent as an excellent vocalist and singing school teacher. In 1873 he located in St. Johnsbury, was for a time in the employ of the Fairbanks company, and for twenty-one years was chorister at the South Congregational church. Meantime he completed his musical education

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in Boston, and for several years prior to 1895 was instructor in music in the public schools of St. Johnsbury. Possessing naturally a fine appreciation and love of music, an imposing physique, and strong personal magnetism, Professor May is a most efficient instructor in singing schools, and a notable and well-known leader in musical conventions. He has been intimately associated with such distinguished vocalists and leaders as the late Prof. B. F. Rix, Prof. H. G. Blaisdell, Mr. N. P. Dodge, and others.

Mr. May married, in 1877, Miss Marietta Cushman of L'Orignal, Province of Quebec. Two children were born to them: Walter Milton, now a junior in Dartmouth college, a most promising young man, and Celia, who died in infancy. Mrs. May died in 1896. Mr. May married, in 1898, Maude A., daughter of Curtis L. and Viola (Grant) Stacy. They have an only daughter, Viola Stacy May. Mrs. May is a fine contralto singer, and a lady of musical tastes, and the noble grand of Red Clover lodge, No. 27, D. of R.

RICHARDSON, JACOB. This charming family group, emblematical of the springtime, the early summer, and the mature autumn of human life, represents three generations, each bearing the name of Jacob Richardson. They reside in a tidy farmhouse which commands a glorious view of the monumental outlines of the White Mountains, and on a farm which speaks loudly for the thrift, prosperity, and enterprise of its owner. The great-grandfather of the child, also Jacob Richardson, was born in Waterford in 1796, and his wife, Irene Hovey, was born in Waterford in 1802. Nearly all of their married life was spent as farmers in Concord, although he was for many winters a school teacher, a prompt, decisive, honorable man. For many years his life was a struggle with poverty, but, having sold the mining rights of his farm years later, he attained a modest competence. He died in 1868, and his excellent wife in 1877. Of their six children, only Jacob and Helen, Mrs. Emmons Stockwell, survive.

JACOB RICHARDSON, 3D.
JACOB RICHARDSON, 1ST.
JACOB RICHARDSON, 2D.

Two of the brothers were Francis and William A. Richardson, well-known hotel men.

Jacob Richardson was born in 1840. He attended the district schools and remained on the paternal farm until of age, when he found a suitable helpmeet, Lovina Kellogg, daughter of B. P. Kellogg. Three sons and a daughter have been

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born to them: Fred E. and Frank M., who married Lefie and Theda, daughters of Ira P. Lewis, and are located at Littleton in the livery business; Jacob, Jr., who married Fanny I., daughter of Albert and Julia (Joslin) Hill, and is in the meat business, and Ida, who married Charles A. Caswell of Concord.

The Richardsons are industrious, thrifty, and hospitable people, jovial company, and strictly reliable in business. Jacob has repeatedly served the town as selectman and lister, although a member of the minority political party. Jacob, 3d, was born in 1900.

FORD, DAN, son of Samuel W. and Sophronia Willey Ford, was born in Concord in 1863. The

DAN FORD.

Fords are excellent types of the sturdy, intelligent, prosperous farmers of Vermont. Samuel W. Ford was reared upon a farm in the town of Kirby, and leaving home at seventeen years of age was employed as a farm laborer until in 1853 he married Sophronia Willey, and soon af-

SAMUEL W. FORD.

ter settled on the fine farm where he has since resided. Possessing excellent practical judgment, combined with industry and perseverance, he has not only made a financial success of farming, but has been a valuable counselor in town affairs. He has served repeatedly as selectman, and in that capacity was very active and efficient in raising the town quota of soldiers during the Civil war. In 1876, as a Republican, he represented the town of Concord in the legislature.

Samuel W. Ford carries his fourscore years cheerfully, with his mental faculties strong and active, and with good general health.

Ellery Ford, eldest son of Samuel W., is a millwright in the employ of

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the Berlin Falls Mill company, and located at Gardiner, Maine. He married Carrie E. Cummings, and they have one daughter, Fern B.

Helen is the wife of William Lindsay of West Concord.

Almeda (deceased), who married Milo A. Green, leaves a little daughter, Sadie.

Dan remained with his father on the homestead and is one of our most progressive and energetic farmers. He married Abbie J. Copp in 1889, and they have one child, Mary E. Ford. Dan Ford has recently purchased an adjoining farm, where he now resides. He is also associated with his father in the ownership of the home farm, and the united estates comprise between four and five hundred acres, including one hundred acres of wood and timber land. The Fords are notably successful breeders of Shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep. Dan Ford is a member of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M.

BAZIN, LIEUTENANT EDWARD H., son of Charles H. and Mary R. (Ferrin) Bazin, was born at Hallowell, Maine, November 1, 1856. He came to West Concord in December, 1884, and for four years was employed by the late R. S. Brigham. He then engaged with the late General W. W. Grout on his farm for one year. During the past dozen years Mr. Bazin has been employed at St. Johnsbury, for three years at his trade as painter with Miner & Hill, and later in the Fairbanks Scale Works, where he has a good position, still residing at West Concord.

Mr. Bazin enlisted in Company D, Vermont National Guard, in 1892, was promoted through the successive grades and when the company left the state in May, 1898, for the camp at Chickamauga, he was second lieutenant. His promptness, efficiency, and military bearing, and his interest and care for the welfare of his company elicited the hearty commendation of his associates; much of the time he acted as adjutant of his battalion. Lieutenant Bazin is a worthy member of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M., and was for two terms noble grand of Concordia lodge, No. 43, I. O. O. F., also filling the position of district deputy grand master of District No. 6. He married, in 1896, Mrs. Ellen A. (Miltimore) Corser of West Concord. Mrs. Bazin is the genial and

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enterprising proprietor of the popular millinery store in Union block, also carrying a good stock of ladies' furnishings and fancy goods.

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HOWARD, WILLIAM SUMNER, son of James and Sarah (Adams) Howard, was born in Ludlow, September 7, 1821. He received a good

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common school education in the town schools of Ludlow and Concord. Nearly seventy years ago his father purchased the large farm at Concord Corner, which has since been the family home of four generations.

William S. Howard married, in 1843, Lucinda F., daughter of William and Rachel (Wilcox) Gorham of Kirby. Prudent, industrious, and progressive, temperate in principle and practice, this worthy couple have successfully developed a fine upland farm on the general lines of the dairy, cattle, and sheep husbandry, have reared an excellent family, and have faithfully discharged the many and varied duties of town, church, and neighborhood, which have devolved upon them.

Although still active and cheerful, and in the full enjoyment of their mental faculties, they have recently sold their farm, retaining a home surrounded by so many cherished associations. Always a Republican, since the formation of the party, Mr. Howard has naturally been repeatedly called upon to discharge the duties of nearly all of the town offices, serving as district clerk more than thirty years, for more than forty as trustee of the Essex county grammar school, founded as a normal school, the oldest in the United States, and for nearly forty years has been the efficient overseer of the poor of Concord. William and Lucinda Howard are connecting links of the past with the present generation, and the only remaining representatives of the early citizens of the old village of Concord Corner. They have had three children: William Elmore, a soldier of the Eleventh Vermont regiment, who died in the service; George S. (deceased), and Mary Elizabeth, Mrs. L. W. McAnn of Moncton, New Brunswick.

CARPENTER, MINER BUGBEE, son of Amos and Cosbi (Parker) Carpenter, was born at Waterford, October 26, 1867. After attending St. Johnsbury academy three years, Mr. Carpenter graduated from the Clinton, Iowa, Business college. In 1892 he engaged in business with his brother, E. P. Carpenter, built the Trout Brook creamery, and conducted it under the name of Carpenter Brothers for five years, during which time they won the first premium, and creamery sweepstakes and several other prizes at Vermont Dairymen's meetings. In 1897 they sold the West Waterford plant to a

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stock company, and it was then known as the Trout Brook Creamery company. In 1898 they built the creamery at West Concord and leased it for six months to Lambert W. Hastings. The following year Miner B. Carpenter came here and started the creamery with five patrons, run it one year and sold it to Farmers' Mutual, with sixty patrons. After working a brief time for the Farmers' Mutual Creamery company, Mr. Carpenter went to Berlin, New Hampshire, and worked as a bookkeeper in a bank six months, but his health failing, he returned to the Waterford farm. After the location of the Trout Brook Creamery plant at West Concord, he was employed as butter maker and manager. His

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success has been most gratifying. He won the first prize at Brattleboro in 1902, contest open to the United States, with a score of ninety-seven. In January, 1903, he won a gold watch at Vermont Dairymen's meeting at Rutland. The creamery averaged during the best of the season seven hundred and fifty pounds of butter a day with one hundred and five patrons. In August, 1903, the make was double that of August, 1902.

Mr. Carpenter married, in 1899, Mary, daughter of Abel B. and Lucy (Ross) Goss. Two children were born to them: Hazel, who died in infancy, and Priscilla.

BINGHAM, J. WARNER, son of Warner and Laura (Rankin) Bingham, was born in Concord, February 9, 1849. The lineage of this branch of the Bingham family can be traced to a Norman knight at the time of the Conquest, and Warner Bingham is the sixth generation of that name in America. E. Warner Bingham, grandfather of J. W., was one of the pioneer settlers of Concord, and reared a family of seven sons and one daughter. Warner, his eldest son, married Lucy Wheeler of Concord, and five sons and two daughters were born of this marriage. John settled as a merchant in Ohio, and Lorenzo at Lower Waterford. Harry and George A. were eminent lawyers and politicians of Littleton, New Hampshire, the latter a judge of the supreme court. Edward, the only survivor, was a former chief justice of District of Columbia. There were three children by the second marriage: Horatio, Laura, and Warner.

Warner's youth was spent at Barnet until, at the age of seventeen, he went to Terre Haute, Ind., and there learned the millwright and pattern maker's trade.

In 1878 he married Sarah, daugh-

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ter of James and Candace (Jones) Warden of Peacham. In 1881 he located with his brother, Horatio, in Hurricane township, Illinois, where they were the pioneers in building what is now the thriving village of Bingham. Mr. Bingham returned to Barnet in 1886 and formed a partnership with his father-in-law, in the manufacture of fork and hoe handles. The following year both families moved to West Concord, where Mr. Bingham has since resided, engaged in mechanical pursuits. He was appointed postmaster of West Concord during Cleveland's first administration and served nearly eleven years, a portion of four administrations. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham have an excellent social standing, and he is a past noble grand of Concordia lodge of Odd Fellows.

CHASE, WILLARD, son of George and Eunice (Abbott) Chase, was born in Landgrove, March 10, 1840. Coming to Concord in early infancy, he has since resided for more than threescore years on the paternal homestead, a fine upland farm, commanding a glorious view of the Moose river valley, and of the distant peaks of the White mountains. He received a thorough common school education. His parents were frugal, industrious, and benevolent, skilled also in the homespun handicrafts, and the farm is well provided with all of the modern appliances of labor-saving machinery.

Mr. Chase married, January 1, 1868, Ann Maria W., daughter of David W. and Sally (Stiles) Lee, a lady of unusual culture and force of character. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have "lived the strenuous life," doing with energy and faithfulness the work of carrying on a large farm successfully, and have found time to discharge the many duties of church, town, and neighborhood which have devolved upon them. He is the largest manufacturer of maple sugar in this section, having more than three thousand trees set up, from which he has made more than five tons of sugar in a single year.

He is one of the directors of the

WILLARD CHASE.

Trout Brook creamery, and conducts an excellent dairy of from fifteen to twenty cows. In politics a lifelong Republican, Mr. Chase has always been prominent in town affairs, and has filled nearly all of the town offices. He was school district clerk and treasurer a quarter of a century. Elected selectman at

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twenty-six years of age, he has filled that position seventeen terms; he was five years overseer of the poor, and representative in the legislature in 1878.

A public-spirited citizen of generous impulses, he has contributed liberally of his time and means for public, and especially for church purposes. For nearly forty years he has been an important factor of the Universalist church at West Concord, most of this period as superintendent of the Sunday-school, with Mrs. Chase as his efficient assistant, and for many years as chairman of the parish committee. He was for a long time president of the Northern association, and for nearly a score of years was treasurer of the Universalist convention of Vermont and the Province of Quebec.

REED, MARCUS L., son of Samuel S. and Louisa (Joslin) Reed, was born in Kirby, February 5, 1839. He comes of strong native stock, his ancestors being hardy yeomen and early pioneers. He received a thorough common school education, which was completed at West Concord, where Samuel S. Reed removed when Marcus was seventeen years of age, and in the rugged labors of the farm formed a stalwart, athletic physique. Soon after he became of age he found employment with his brother, a prominent business man of Burlington, and later engaged in the shoe trade. He enlisted February 14, 1864, in Company G, Seventeenth Vermont regiment, which had its third battalion drill on the bloody field of the Wilderness and which sustained heavier losses in action for its time of service than any other Vermont regiment. Mr. Reed was wounded at Spottsylvania, sent to Washington, but soon returned to his regiment, where he was stricken down by sickness. Again transferred to Washington, he had charge of the ordnance and knapsack room of Harwood hospital until his discharge as acting orderly in July, 1865.

Marcus L. Reed married, in 1866, Emily C., daughter of Theophilus and Hannah (Chick) Grout. He engaged in farming in Granby until 1878, when he located in West Concord, and moved from thence, in 1886, to the fine upland farm which he owned and occupied for a dozen years. Mr. Reed has been recently appointed as mail carrier on the first rural free delivery route ever established in Concord.

MARCUS L. REED.

Two sons were born to Marcus L. and Emily C. Reed: William L. is located in West Concord as the foreman of Lambert W. Hastings & Co.;

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George W. succeeds his father in the ownership of the Concord farm.

Mr. Reed has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and although of a retiring disposition, has been honored by election to many important town offices. He has repeatedly served in both towns as chairman of the board of selectmen. As a Republican, he represented Granby in 1869-'70, and in 1892 was the representative from Concord. Conscientious and reliable in the discharge of public duties, he possesses many qualities which win the warm esteem of his associates. For nearly forty years Mr. Reed has been a member of the Masonic fraternity. He has served four terms as worshipful master of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. and A. M., and is a Knight Templar of Palestine commandery.

STACY, CURTIS L., son of Abel and Sally (Fisher) Stacy, was born in Concord, March 19, 1841. Mr. Stacy is a lifelong citizen of the town, one of a family of twelve children, ten of whom lived to maturity. He married, in 1850, Viola Grant Cutting, youngest daughter of Ira and Lydia (Williams) Grant. Her mother died when she was an infant, and she was adopted by Franklin and Prudence (Isham) Cutting.

When the tocsin of war sounded Mr. Stacy enlisted in Company D, First Vermont cavalry, leaving in his home a young wife and infant daughter. He shared the fortunes of that gallant regiment during more than three years, and participated in thirty-six battles and engagements, although he was for a time detached as an orderly at brigade headquarters.

It is an exceptional fact that Mrs. Stacy had a husband and ten brothers and brothers-in law at one time in the Union armies, nine of whom returned. After Mr. Stacy's

CURTIS L. STACY.

return from the front he followed for many years the trade of carpenter and joiner, until in January, 1892, by a bad fracture of his leg, he was incapacitated for manual labor. The following year he opened a grocery store in the basement of his residence on Main street, where he still conducts a general and barter trade.

Possessing a voice at once powerful and flexible, a stalwart physique, a retentive memory, and a gift of mimicry, Mr. Stacy has been a prominent figure in the amateur dramatics of the town. He is a prominent member of Woodbury post, G. A. R., and a past commander. He and Mrs. Stacy are affiliated with Red Clover lodge, D. R., and he is

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noble grand of Concordia lodge, Odd Fellows. Four daughters have been born to Curtis L. and Viola Stacy: Nellie P., wife of Colonel C. M. Bonett; Cora V., wife of A. J. Corriveau, both of St. Johnsbury; Maude A., wife of Prof. H. H. May, and Bessie G., wife of Frank L. Carpenter, both of West Concord.

RUSSELL, WILLIAM L., son of Oliver and Sally (Fletcher) Russell, was born in Dalton, New Hampshire, in 1850. He was the youngest of five brothers, all of whom have been lumbermen. His first business venture was in the lumber business in Granby, with his brother, George. Later he engaged in the livery business at Whitefield, New Hampshire, for a year and a half, and conducted the Avenue House stable at St.

WILLIAM L. RUSSELL.

Johnsbury. In the fall of 1887 he bought the E. L. Hovey sawmill at Summerville, where he carried on a large and prosperous business three years, later taking in C. C. Follensby, his brother-in-law, as a partner, and also with the late W. E. Peck as a one third owner. Having sold his interest in the Hovey mill, he formed a partnership with R. A. McKelvey in the fall of 1897, and they purchased an estate of four or five thousand acres of L. D. Hazen at Miles Pond, consisting of a store, farm, timber lands, and the leading mill property of the town. The mill has a daily capacity of 30,000 feet, and all needed appliances, and from one to three million feet of lumber is manufactured annually. The farm contains most extensive and excellent pastures, from which 150 head of cattle have been turned in a single season, and cuts about 100 tons of hay. Mr. Russell is postmaster and station agent. Mr. Russell bought Mr. McKelvey's interest in the Miles Pond property October 1, 1903. In the fall of 1902 Russell & McKelvey bought the stumpage on all of the timber lands of the Victory Lumber company in the towns of Victory and Lunenburg, consisting of many million feet of fine soft and hardwood timber, also the mill and property rights located thereon. Soon after they sold the same to the firm of Johnson & Stebbins. Mr. Russell has recently bought the well-known Barton Works farm, near St. Johnsbury, which contains a valuable lot of timber and wood.

While located at St. Johnsbury he served as one of the village trustees. He married Lovina H. Follansby in 1874. They have two children: Gertrude, who married Herbert A. Hawley, teller of the First National bank of St. Johnsbury, and Henry F., who is connected with the lumber business at Harrison, Idaho.

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RICH, WILLIAM M., son of Maloren and Betsey (Whitney) Rich, was born in Madrid, St. Lawrence county, New York, March 20, 1861. He comes of staunch English stock. His first American ancestor, William Bradford, came to Massachusetts in the Mayflower, and was governor of Plymouth colony thirty-one years. His paternal grandfather, Martin Rich, was a soldier in the War of 1812. William M. Rich was educated in the common and select schools of his native town. He left home at sixteen years of age, and obtained employment as an assistant in the railroad station of his native town, where he learned telegraphy, and from that time until the present, he has been continuously engaged in station work. He took charge of "Scott's" station in 1886, and about three years later was transferred to his present responsible position at North Concord. Mr. Rich married, in 1884, Ida May Worden, of Potsdam, New York, a lady of rare social gifts and business qualifications,

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who for several years was his efficient assistant in the arduous duties of the station. Their only son, Walter, a young man of excellent scholarship and social standing, is a senior at St. Johnsbury academy.

Genial, accommodating, and public spirited, an accomplished and enterprising business man, Mr. Rich fills an important sphere of usefulness at North Concord. He handles not only the passenger, freight, express, and telegraphy at North Concord, but has charge of the freight business of the Victory branch, and for fourteen years has been postmaster. He conducts a general store, a livery stable, a small farm, sells flour and feed of all kinds, does a general barter business in wood and farm produce—in fact, is the earthly providence of the little hamlet of North Concord.

Mr. Rich is widely and favorably known in Masonic circles, is a past worshipful master of Moose River lodge of West Concord, past district deputy grand master of this Masonic district, and a Knight Templar of Palestine commandery, and a member of the grand lodge of Vermont.

GRAY, ELWIN A., son of George and Sarah M. (Hargin) Gray, was born in Elmore, September 12, 1867. At twenty years of age with a fair common school education and a physique well seasoned by farm life, he entered the employ of S. A. Fife, the well known general merchant of Wolcott, and his services proved so satisfactory that he remained in this position fifteen years. Mr. Gray married in 1893, Effie J., daughter of David H. Wheeler of Wolcott. In January, 1902, he went to Little Compton, Rhode Island, and engaged in the poultry business and other lines until January, 1903, when he purchased his present stock of goods of Lambert W. Hastings & Co., at West Concord. This commodious and convenient store is fitted up with modern appointments, is located in the business center of the village, and has always been a popular trade center, and has not lost prestige under the present able management. The salesroom and office, 30 by 36, occupy a part of the first floor, with an equal space for heavy goods in the basement, and Mr. Gray's residence is on the second floor. Everything is carried in stock that is usually expected in the general country store of the period, the principal features being dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and ladies' and gents' furnishings. The business is conducted on the ready pay system, and Mr. Gray, assisted by his amiable and capable wife, has entire charge. The new merchant has won a well deserved recognition as an accommodating and reliable business man, and a genial and esteemed citizen. Mr. Gray has held several official positions in the town of Wolcott, was chairman of the town Republican committee, and representative to the legislature in 1900.

MORTON, DYER HIBBARD, eldest of the four sons of Uri and Lovica (Hibbard) Morton, was born in Concord, October 15, 1835. His paternal grandfather, Alexander Morton, came to Concord in 1798, and located on the farm near West Concord, which for three quarters of a century was the family home. Hon. Dyer Hibbard, his maternal grandfather, was a distinguished citizen of Concord. Dyer H. Morton married Sarah B., daughter of Tyler and

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Olive (Gaskell) Bingham, and settled on the Bingham farm in the town of Waterford, but near West Concord, and remained there many years, caring for the declining years of his wife's parents. He subsequently removed to West Concord and soon after engaged for a time in the meat business.

Mr. Morton is highly esteemed as a neighbor and citizen, and has filled public positions of usefulness, including that of trial justice of the peace at West Concord for the past dozen years. For many years he was connected with the Caledonia County Fair Ground company as an executive committeeman, and as marshal and assistant marshal. He has had charge of the Concord town hall many years, and has faithfully discharged all duties intrusted to his care. He is a long-time member and former officer of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. and A. M.

DYER H. MORTON.

Dyer H. and Sarah B. Morton have one daughter, Nellie C., who married the late George W. Parris of West Concord, a veteran of the Civil war.

RANNEY, WILLIAM E., son of Sullivan and Mary Huse Ranney, was born in Kirby February 24, 1863. When he was five years of age his father removed to the fine meadow farm two miles from West Concord, which has since been the family home. William was educated in the public schools of the town and at St. Johnsbury academy. After he became of age he worked for his father and mother on the home farm until the death of the latter in July, 1899. In 1892 he married Susie, only daughter of Nathaniel Dexter and Maria Drew Reed, and they have one child, Marjorie, six years of age. After his mother's death in 1899, Mr. Ranney took the Nathaniel D. Reed farm one year and then bought the farm and stock for $2,000. It is a pleasant and productive farm near West Concord.

Mr. Ranney is one of the most energetic and successful farmers of this section and an excellent financier. He conducts a fine dairy of sixteen cows of the Jersey and Ayrshire breeds, also a large quota of young stock and swine. His cows averaged three hundred and fifteen pounds of butter each during last year. The gross income of the farm the year before he came here was $557, while during the past year it became $1,857, a most notable gain. Mr. Ranney markets a large share of his early potatoes, also eggs and butter, at St. Johnsbury at remunerative prices. He supplements his

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coarse fodder with home-grown carrots, turnips, and corn. A most exemplary young man, he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school of the M. E. church, and is the chairman of the board of selectmen of Concord.

form a matrimonial alliance with Emma, the only daughter of Hon. Abraham S. and Minerva Howard of East Haven. After a brief residence in East Haven, they removed to the Samuel Barker farm, one mile from East Concord. After fifteen years

CHARLES D. ROOT.

ROOT, CHARLES D., son of Horace B. and Girzilda Davis Root, was born in Newark in 1846. His early educational advantages in the common schools were uncommonly well improved. His first important act after attaining his majority was to

of hard work and good management, by a timely auction sale of personal property, they succeeded in raising that most difficult of farm crops, the mortgage. He then decided to widen his sphere of effort and usefulness by buying the Warner Vilas

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store at East Concord, taking possession in January, 1883. A year later he was appointed depot master at East Concord, a position which he has since acceptable filled. He was postmaster nearly seven years, appointed during President Arthur's administration.

When he bought the sawmill of L. D. Hazen the wise ones shook their heads and predicted his failure. It was supposed that the timber was nearly exhausted in the vicinity of East Concord, but Mr. Root has bought timber lands and stumpage from time to time in Lunenburg and Concord, until at present he owns more than 1,500 acres. He has manufactured from half a million to a million and a half of lumber annually, largely finished lumber, and his pay-roll has placed bread upon many of the tables of East Concord, as the sawmill is the only local enterprise. In April, 1898, his dwelling, store, and barn were consumed, entirely uninsured, with a total loss of more than $4,000. Nothing daunted by this disaster, he promptly built his present handsome store and residence buildings, and in the second story of the block is a modern opera house in its appointments, with a seating capacity adequate to the town. Mr. Root's broad shoulders have carried successfully a heavy load of business responsibility, but he has been ably assisted by his wife, a woman of remarkable energy and ambition.

He has served the town several years as selectman, and in 1880 was the nominee of the Democratic party for senator of Essex county. Endowed with kindly and generous impulses, Charles and Emma Root have helped in many a good cause, and have provided a good home for three children: Ida, the wife of F. S. Kenerson of Barre; Katie, wife of F. T. Pownd of Lyndonville, and Ray Howard Root.

LEWIS, Ira P., son of Ira G. and Sally (Pike) Lewis, was born in Waterford, October 3, 1845. His father died six months before his birth, and consequently he was born in the home of his maternal grandfather, Deacon Luther Pike, an estimable citizen, and one of the first settlers of Waterford. Possessed of a stalwart physique and considerable ambition, young Lewis early learned to rely on his own resources. On his twenty-first birthday he was married to Luette M., daughter of Hon. A. W. and Lora (Hibbard) Burroughs of Kirby. Judge Burroughs was one of the most esteemed and prominent citizens of his native town, and died in the prime of life in 1858. He was one of the sons of Seth Burroughs, one of the early settlers of Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis spent the first four years of their married life at the old Burroughs homestead, and in the fall of 1870 purchased the Ball farm in Concord, where they have since resided. Buying at a time of inflated prices, they assumed a large mortgage, which they have successfully raised, and have greatly improved the farm and buildings. They have given their children every educational advantage which their means could afford. Their children are: Clayton E., a traveling salesman for the Swifts, who married Annie D. Carlton, and is located at Lewiston, Maine; Theda L. and Lefie M. (deceased), wives respectively of F. M. and F. E. Richardson, the well-known livery men of Littleton, New Hampshire; W. Clyde

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Lewis, who married Effie E. Ball and is employed by Richardson Brothers, and Earle C., aged fourteen, who resides at home. Ira P. and Luette (Burroughs) Lewis are excellent types of our energetic, successful farmers, descendants of strong native ancestry, and their children are worthy of their staunch ancestry. Mr. Lewis has served the town as lister, school director, selectman, and in 1898 was elected to the legislature as a Republican.

THE LEADER GRANITE COMPANY. This company was organized at Hardwick in 1889, and located at West Concord in November, 1900. The company at present consists of Emmanuel Lillicrap and John Moyse, both of whom are experienced granite manufacturers and they rented, but in 1902 they are masters of their craft. At first bought, the new granite shed which is fitted up with the modern appointments, and will accommodate a working force of thirty men. The plant has ample water-

EMMANUEL LILLICRAP.

JOHN MOYSE.

power from Moose river, with a newly installed Hercules wheel. The Leader Granite company largely uses the famous Barre granite, but they are prepared to furnish monuments and mausoleums, or, in fact, anything in their line of the standard American and foreign stock. They report the granite worked by the Burke and the Kirby Mountain Granite company very favorably, and the indications are hopeful that these immense masses of stone, forming the backbone of Kirby mountain, may in the near future become the resource of a large and prosperous industry at West Concord. Emmanuel Lillicrap is the eldest of a family of four brothers, all of whom have followed the craft at the West Concord

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shed. He was born, so to speak, with the bush hammer in his hand, for his father followed the trade a lifetime, and he has worked at it from early boyhood. He was a native of Cornwall, England, and came to this country at the age of twenty, with no capital, but a robust physique, willing hands, and a stout heart. His subsequent experience forms an interesting chapter, but space forbids narration. John Moyse, his brother-in-law and partner, also a native of Cornwall, is an active young man, a skilled blacksmith and granite cutter, in fact, a good all around man in every relation of life. These young men are the pioneers of what promises to be a valuable and extensive enterprise and their conditions and prospects are steadily improving.

WHIPPLE BROTHERS. Rice and George Whipple are the only survivors of the ten children of Woodbury and Lydia (Farnham) Whipple, their birth years being respectively 1836 and 1845. Another brother, Bradford Whipple, a soldier of the First Vermont cavalry, died during Kilpatrick's raid on Richmond. Woodbury Whipple lost a leg by an accidental gun-shot wound, which incapacitated him for farm labor, when he learned the cooper's trade, and about 1839 settled on a small homestead, where his sons are now located. For years the life of the family was a continuous struggle with poverty and adverse conditions, but with great industry and economy the situation steadily improved, and he lived to see his sons in moderately prosperous circumstances. He died in 1878 at the age of 75, and his wife two years earlier. Rice Whipple, who has been afflicted by lameness, for many years followed his father's vocation of a cooper. The Whipple Brothers, as their means increased, have purchased additions to their original small homestead, until at present they own a good home farm of about 140 acres and back lots of equal extent. They have built or rebuilt their farm buildings in good form, conduct a good twelve-cow dairy, and a sugar place of 1,300 buckets. For nearly thirty years they have owned with Moses A. Parker a half interest in the neighborhood sawmill. They are Republicans in politics and Baptists in religious belief, and are worthy and useful citizens. George Whipple married, in 1876, Laura, daughter of Samuel Bell of Lunenburg, who died in 1887, leaving one daughter, Lydia, wife of William Williams. He married, in 1889, Mrs. Mary A. (McAlister) Southworth of Lyndonville.

CUTTING, HORACE W., son of Franklin and Prudence (Isham) Cutting, was born on the farm where he now resides in Concord, in 1844. The massive and antique clock in the great square sitting room has ticked out the months and years of more than a century during the time that four generations of the Cutting family have owned and occupied the ancestral homestead.

Oliver Cutting was born in 1775, married Phebe Church and settled on and cleared up the primeval wilderness on the old Concord farm, about 1800. Franklin Cutting was one of his family of five sons and two daughters, none of whom are now living. Franklin married Prudence, daughter of Benjamin and Dorcas (Nichols) Isham, and six sons were born to them. He died in

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1894 at the age of eighty-nine, and his wife in 1891. Franklin, Hiram, Stephen, and Nathaniel Cutting were sterling men in their day and generation: industrious, frugal, original Vermonters of the old school.

Horace Cutting enlisted in 1863 in the Eleventh regiment, Vermont Volunteer infantry, and was with his company at the Weldon railroad, where so many of his comrades were captured and had a hairbreadth escape, at last regaining the Union lines, his two comrades being killed by their pursuers. Returning from the front, Horace Cutting engaged in farming and lumbering in Concord for a time and later was six years in the ice business in New York city, as foreman and collector of a large firm. He married, in 1878, Fanny D., daughter of A. F. L. Norris, who graduated from Dartmouth in 1845, and sister of True L. Norris, editor of the *Portsmouth Times*. Mrs. Cutting is a lady of unusual energy, has served as superintendent of schools and is now a school director. Horace and Fanny Cutting have three sons: Franklin A., Ralph T., and Harry N. Horace Cutting returned to the old farm of 316 acres in 1890, cared for his aged parents and has greatly improved the farm and buildings.

SMITH, Dan M., son of John and Phebe T. (Gee) Smith, was born in Concord, Vermont, in 1845. He was one of a family of nine sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to maturity, and had families, and all have lived in the town of Concord. At the age of eighteen, Dan enlisted in Company M, Eleventh Vermont regiment in 1863, and was honorably discharged with his regiment at the close of the war.

He then found employment in Colonel Fletcher's wholesale store, and later for the Passumpsic railroad until his marriage in 1868 to Mary, daughter of George Adams and Lavina Whitcomb Parker of Concord. George Parker was a lifelong resident of the town on the same farm and in the same house which his father erected and occupied ninety-four years ago. After farming some seventeen years in Concord, in January, 1886, Mr. Smith bought the old Parker farm of 250 acres, and took care of his father-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Smith rank among the most energetic and enterprising of our farmers. They have trebled the production of the old farm by extensive farming, the main feature being the raising of ensilage and field corn and the care of a large and excellent dairy, the products of which have been marketed by the owners. Mr. Smith has recently retired to East Concord, and Henry King, his son-in-law, carries on the ancestral farm.

No owner of this old homestead for generations has used tobacco, and they have always stood strongly for temperance. Dan M. and Mary (Parker) Smith have reared a worthy family of eight children: Almon B., a farmer in Concord; Dora P., wife of Herbert E. Howland of East Burke; John; Lavina W.; Sheldon S.; Abner W., a graduate of Johnson Normal school and now a law student at St. Johnsbury; Zilpha, Mrs. Henry King, and Herman H. Smith. D. M. Smith is enterprising and public spirited and served as a member of the building committee at the erection of the two churches at East Concord. He is a member of Howard post, G. A. R., of Lunenburg.

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WILCOX, HENRY CLAY, son of Edmund W. and Matilda (Farnsworth) Wilcox, was born in Cambridge, August 20, 1842. He was educated in the excellent public schools of Cambridge and Johnson. At nineteen years of age he found employment in the United States armory at Springfield, Massachusetts, until the close of the Civil war, when he returned to Johnson, and for several years he was engaged in farming. Naturally of an active temperament, he preferred a business career, and for seven years was variously employed, as a manufacturer of butter tubs, as a hotel clerk at Hyde Park, and as a foreman in several lumber enterprises. He became superintendent of the Buck & Wilcox Lumber company of Granby in 1882, and capably filled that responsible position until 1885, when the property was sold to C. H. Stevens & Co., and Mr. Wilcox remained in the employ of this company and the Northern Lumber company until December, 1896, when he located in

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West Concord and purchased the hardware store, which he successfully conducted nearly three years.

Mr. Wilcox has always enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the communities where he has resided, and has creditably discharged the duties of many public positions. He was deputy sheriff at Johnson, and at Granby served as justice and selectman, was the Republican representative of the town in 1886 and 1890, and a prominent candidate for county senator in the convention of his party in 1892. He was appointed postmaster at West Concord in May, 1899, and still acceptably fills that position, having inaugurated several improvements in the service. He has been town treasurer since March, 1898. Possessing excellent business capacity and judgment, he is also public spirited, and has taken an active interest in village and town improvements.

For many years he has been prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity; he was the worshipful master of Mount Norris lodge, No. 69, of Eden, high priest of Tucker chapter of Morrisville, and is a Knight Templar of Palestine commandery, a Shriner, and a 32d degree Mason.

STREETER, PRESCOTT B., son of David, Jr., and Mercy (Rowe) Streeter, was born in Concord in 1837. Benoni and Benjamin Streeter and their brother, David, grandfather of Prescott, were among the earliest pioneers of Concord. David was born in 1777, married Annie Winslow, and came to Concord in 1789. They reared three children: Phœbe, Mrs. David Frye; David, Jr., and Nancy, Mrs. James Howard.

David Streeter was a kindly, jovial man, and a noted rhymester in his day. David, Jr., remained on the paternal farm, and reared four children: Jane, Anna, and Chester and Prescott, twins. Chester was a soldier of the Union. Prescott cared for his aged parents on the ancestral farm, which for more than a century has been the home of four generations of the family. The home farm and back lot contain about 180 acres, and carry a ten-cow dairy and the usual young stock.

Mr. Streeter is one of the most successful and extensive bee keepers in the state, his apiary containing from 150 to 200 swarms. Prescott B. Streeter married Georgianna Boutwell in 1865, and all of their ten children were born and reared on the home farm: Adelbert B. is an employé at Fairbanks Scale Works; William P. is a substantial farmer in Concord; Almira M.; Stephen P. of Worcester; Dene (deceased); Lizzie (deceased in infancy); Alice M. resides at St. Johnsbury; Harry is associated with his father in farming, and Effie C. and Ella also reside with their parents.

Naturally of a conservative and retiring disposition the Streeters are kind, neighborly, sympathetic people, ever ready to lend a helping hand.

Stephen P. Streeter was born in 1872, and his boyhood was spent upon his father's farm, and in attendance upon the public schools. To him a liberal education was a necessity, and by his own efforts as a teacher in the public schools he was enabled to complete a course of study at Oberlin college. Mr. Streeter taught successfully a year and a half at the Vermont Industrial school, and later for two years

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was teacher and assistant superintendent of the Worcester County Truant school. In April, 1900, the executive committee of the Boys' club at Worcester selected Mr. Streeter to fill the responsible position of superintendent, and he now has fifteen hundred boys under his care. He has organized the instruction, installed manual training and business departments, and a library and reading room. Emphatically a self-made man, he has achieved an excellent social and professional standing in a sphere of great usefulness, and won a host of friends.

THE WEST CONCORD HOUSE.

JOSLYN, FRANK R., son of Hiram and Miranda M. (Richardson) Joslyn, was born at West Concord, October 9, 1855. Hiram Joslyn was a long time resident, conducted the hotel and the livery, and for years owned and operated the stage and mail route between St. Johnsbury and Lancaster. After attending the public schools of his native village, at nineteen years of age, Frank R. Joslyn went to New York city, and for ten years was engaged in peddling ice for his uncle, C. C. Richardson. He returned to West Concord in 1888, and soon after purchased the West Concord House and livery, which he has since owned until two years ago when he sold the livery. He has also acquired about 100 acres of real estate near West Concord, the products of which help supply the bountiful table which Mr. Joslyn has always spread for his guests.

The West Concord House is spacious, centrally located, and as the principal hotel between St. Johnsbury and Lancaster, has always enjoyed a good patronage. Genial, ac-

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commodating, and well informed on local affairs, Mr. Joslyn possesses many of the qualities of the successful landlord. He is enterprising and public spirited in the cause of local public improvements.

Frank R. Joslyn married Helen M. West of St. Johnsbury, an efficient helpmeet and attractive lady, who died November 7, 1903.

PARKER, Moses A., son of Stephen and Elmira H. (Wallace) Parker, was born in Concord in 1839. Stephen Parker was born in Lisbon, New Hampshire, in 1806, and came to Concord with the family of his father, Amos Parker, when he was four years old, and seventy-one years ago settled on the farm which has since been the family home. Moses was the youngest of a family of three sons and two daughters, of whom only himself and a sister, Mrs. Alice Stott of Lowell, are now living. He was educated in the common and select schools of Concord. He enlisted in June, 1861, in Company C, Third regiment, Vermont volunteers. At the seven days' fight in the retreat from before Richmond he was wounded by a Minié ball in the left foot, fell into the hands of the enemy, was taken to Richmond, kept a while in Libbey prison, and then transferred to Belle Isle, and after suffering about three months' imprisonment was exchanged and soon after discharged. In August, 1864, he enlisted for the town of Concord in Company H, United States Sharpshooters, was afterwards transferred to Company H, Fourth Vermont Volunteer infantry, and mustered out in June, 1865. A brother, Madison Parker, was also a soldier of Company C, Third Vermont regiment.

Returning to the paternal farm after his discharge, Moses A. Parker married, in 1867, Eliza E. Hale of Waterford, and they have since resided on his ancestral farm, respected as substantial and successful farmers and worthy citizens. They have reared a family of four sons and three daughters, of unusual scholarship. Madison A. was a graduate of the agricultural department of U. V. M., and a volunteer of the Spanish-American war. The other children are, Alice E., Edith, Mrs. Ernest Herbert (deceased), Lucy A., John S., Winfield S., and Roscoe M.

Mr. Parker has made many improvements on his 230 acre farm, including the rebuilding of a large modern barn recently struck by lightning. He owns a half interest in the "Texas" sawmill. He is a successful manufacturer and salesman of good butter and maple sugar. He has repeatedly been called to serve his townsmen as lister and selectman.

FRENCH, Dr. George B., son of Mark and Lois (Dutton) French, was born at Hardwick, January 24, 1858. In his youth he shared the cares and labors of farm life, varied by attendance at the district schools, and completed his literary education at the People's academy of Morrisville and at Hardwick academy. At seventeen years of age he began to teach school, and taught successfully for several years in that vicinity. He began reading medicine in Hardwick with Dr. S. G. Soules in 1879, and the following year entered Hahnemann Medical college of Chicago, where he attended a course of lectures. He graduated from the Eclectic Medical college, city of New York, with a high rank in 1883. He

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soon after settled at Waterville, Lamoille county, where he remained three years, and later practised three years at Greensboro. He located in West Concord in 1890, where he has since remained in the enjoyment of an extensive practice in this and adjoining towns. Dr. French has taken an active and constant interest in the prosperity and public interests of his adopted town, and having the courage of his convictions has not failed to freely express

GEORGE B. FRENCH, M. D.

them. His ability, evident sincerity, and his bluff, hearty manners have won him many friends, while he has lost some by his steadfast adherence to his ideas of right. He has been a member of the Republican town committee, is a selectman, and chairman of the board of school directors. He is a past master of Moose River lodge, No. 82, F. and A. M. Dr. French married, in 1884, Eudella, daughter of Otis and Orpha G. Ford of Hardwick. They have one son, Harold F., a promising scholar, a senior of St. Johnsbury academy.

EAST HAVEN.

Population, Census of 1900, 171.

The town of East Haven was chartered by Governor Chittenden, October 22, 1790. The first proprietors' meeting was held at the residence of James Ball, November 15, 1810.

The first settler of the town was John Walter, Jr., who located May 1, 1804. (See Heman A. Walter, Newark.) He came to Vermont in 1799. He built the first log house in East Haven, and married Uneca Blakesley and had fourteen children. Uneca Walter died March 5, 1848.

In 1832 the first public school was established. Joseph Woods established the first saw-mill, and in 1845 John Walter became the first representative to the legislature.

In 1850 a post-office was established, with Elijah Avery as postmaster.

WALTER, OSCAR T., son of Manning and Louisa (Hartwell) Walter, was born in East Haven in 1837. The first representative of the Walter family—George, son of Sir Edward Walter—came to America about the year 1600, and landed in South Carolina; members of the family came North and settled in Connecticut, and March 4, 1777, John Walter of Winsted, Connecticut, enlisted as a private in Captain Titus Watson's company, Colonel Heman Swift's regiment, to serve three years, and was discharged March 2, 1780. He and his son, John, Jr., came to Burke in 1799.

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John, Jr., settled in East Haven, May 1, 1804, on the farm now occupied by Oscar T. Walter. Later, the father, John, came to reside with his son, John, Jr., and died there in 1848, aged 100 years and 6 months.

John Walter, Jr., married Uneca Blakesly, and had fourteen children, one of whom was Manning, father of Oscar T. Walter. John, Jr., was the first representative of East Haven in the general assembly.

Oscar T. Walter received his education in the public schools and has always followed farming. In 1864 he married Ellen M. Martin of Burke, who died November 11, 1871, having borne him two children: Clifton, who died in infancy, and Elbert H., who was born March 23, 1867. Elbert H. Walter married Maude E. Bruce, and they have two children: Oscar W., Jr., and Gerald A.

December 12, 1872, Mr. Walter married Fannie E. Smith. By this union two children were born: Bertha E., who married Guy L. Bruce, and Elmer N., who married Gertrude E. Hudson.

Mr. Walter has always taken a foremost part in public matters and is a man of unusually good judgment, clear mind, and perfect integrity. He has often been called to public office by his fellow-townsmen and has discharged every duty to the entire satisfaction of his people. For twenty years he has been lister, and for forty-four years a justice of the peace, and he has served as town treasurer since 1879. He was one of the selectmen during the war and has represented the town four times in the general assembly.

HOSFORD, John L., born in East Haven, July 21, 1843, son of Russell and Almira (Walter) Hosford. Mr. Hosford's maternal grandfather was John Walter, Jr., son of John Walter, a soldier of the Revolution. (See East Haven historical sketch and Oscar T. Walter.)

Mr. Hosford received his education in the district schools of his native town, followed farming when not in school, and in August, 1862, enlisted in Company H, Fourth Vermont Volunteer Infantry. He joined his regiment in Virginia, and was in all the engagements of that historic organization until May 6, 1864, when he was wounded in the right foot in the battle of the Wilderness. So severe was his wound that it necessitated the amputation of the foot. He was mustered out of the service March, 1865. Mr. Hosford was united in marriage in 1869 to Nancy J. Matthews of Granby. Five children have been born to them: Finnette (deceased), Walter M., Flora B., Mrs. Fred Smith of Claremont, New Hampshire, Gertrude, Mrs. Benjamin Moulton of East Haven, and Charles C., of Claremont, New Hampshire.

Mr. Hosford has never sought public office, yet he has served his town as selectman several times, held several of the other offices, and in 1898 represented the town in the general assembly of Vermont.

BALL, Arnold, born in Newark in 1826, son of Lucius and Harriet (Humphrey) Ball. He settled in East Haven thirty years ago and has always been an active, energetic man, who has ever taken a lively interest in all matters that would aid his town. He has frequently been called upon to hold public office, and has served his town twenty-three years as constable and collector, four

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years as lister, six years as road commissioner, and in 1902 was elected to represent East Haven in the general assembly of Vermont.

ARNOLD BALL.

In 1863 Mr. Ball married Amelia L. Walter, and their union has been blessed by four children, three of whom are still living: Hattie, now Mrs. Russell Collins of East Montpelier; Warner L. of Nashua, New Hampshire, and Carl E., who remains at home on the farm.

JENKINS, JASON DARWIN, son of Lemuel, Jr., and Nancy (Hall) Jenkins, was born at St. Johnsbury, November 5, 1847. His paternal grandfather, Lemuel Jenkins, was a soldier of the Revolution (see Jenkins family, Kirby), and was at the battle of Bunker Hill.

Jason D. Jenkins was educated in the common schools of his native town, fitted for college at the St. Johnsbury academy, and entered the University of Vermont in 1870, and graduated with the class of 1874, receiving the degree of A. B. He taught school in Albany, McIndoes, and Jericho, and then located in East Haven, which town he represented in the general assembly in 1876. Mr. Jenkins has followed farming and land surveying ever since locating at East Haven. In the latter work he has won an enviable reputation as a man of sound judgment, clear mind, and one possessing a rare amount of technical knowledge and skill. Being a man of thoroughness and integrity much of his time is devoted to his chosen profession. He has figured in many celebrated land and boundary disputes, and his knowledge and clearness have materially assisted the courts in the final adjudication of these very perplexing problems.

Mr. Jenkins married, October 1, 1878, Emma A. Hubbard of Lyndon. Their union has resulted in the birth of four children: Ida E., who is a teacher in the public schools of Winchendon, Massachusetts; Alice N., Warren H., who died in 1902, aged eighteen years, and Lucy M., at Johnson Normal school.

Mr. Jenkins has a good hillside farm of more than 200 acres, has 1,000 sugar trees, and keeps twenty head of stock. He has served his town as selectman, lister, town clerk, justice, school director, etc.

NORTON.

Population, Census of 1900, 692.

The first permanent settler of Norton was Samuel Cleveland, who came from Canada in 1860 and built a sawmill. He formed a partnership with John Thornton and a Mr. Rem-

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ick. The mill was operated by them only a short time, when it was sold to the Norton Mills company, which was composed of A. M. Stetson, George B. James, C. W. Pierce, and J. Wilder. In 1868 Mr. Stetson and Mr. Wilder withdrew from the firm. For two years the mill was operated by Pierce & James, and in 1870 Mr. James became sole proprietor and conducted the business until 1874, when he was compelled to suspend. At about this time he completed the large mill, now known as the Stetson mill, which was for many years run by Mr. Stetson.

THE STETSON HOUSE.

The town was organized March 6, 1885, with the following officers: William G. Nelson, moderator; Albert McLean, clerk; William G. Nelson, treasurer.

Norton Mills, located in the north part of the town, is the only village. It is located on the Grand Trunk railway, has several enterprising business men, good schools, and several churches.

STETSON, ALPHEUS M., son of Alpheus and Hannah W. Stetson, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1820.

There is no name better or more favorably known in northeastern Vermont than that of the subject of this sketch. Anything like a biography of Mr. Stetson would be a complete and accurate history of the settlement and development of the town of Norton.

In 1874 he purchased the large lumber mills and timber lands of the Norton Mills company, and for about twenty-five years carried on an extensive lumber business. During this time the town was organized, and a flourishing village was built. Though residing in Boston, for many years he has spent the summer months here with some of his family at the beautiful hotel, the Stetson House.

No call for aid was ever refused. Always taking a keen and deep interest in the religious and charitable

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work of the community, his name is spoken only in kindness and appreciation.

In 1836, when but sixteen years of age, Mr. Stetson engaged in the wood, lumber, and coal business in Boston, and for more than fifty years did an extensive business, and to-day the business is known as the Stetson Coal company, with his son, John A. Stetson, as president and general manager.

October 9, 1842, Mr. Stetson was united in marriage to Sophia B., daughter of John Osborn of Boston. Three children blessed their union; one only survives: John A. Stetson, who resides in Boston.

October 7, 1894, Mrs. Stetson died, leaving her memory a cherished heritage to those whom she had lived so long amongst and did so much for.

ALPHEUS M. STETSON.

While Mr. Stetson is well past the fourscore mark, yet each summer finds him at Norton calmly viewing the scenes of his early triumphs, beloved by all.

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MARSH, HENRY W., was born in Barford, Province of Quebec, in 1856, son of Robert and Isabella (Campbell) Marsh; he attended the public schools of Barford, which is the Canadian town bounding Norton, Vermont, on the north. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Marsh moved across the line and became a Vermonter. All his life has been spent in active business pursuits. He now conducts the leading general store of the town.

In 1885 he married Ida E. Carpenter of Norton, daughter of William and Victoria (Murdock) Carpenter. Three particularly bright children have blessed the union: Inez M., Connie I., and H. Elmer, students of Island Pond high school.

Ever since locating in Norton Mr. Marsh has, by reason of his sound judgment and splendid business ability, occupied a leading place in the affairs of the town. He has been first selectman three years, chairman of the school board, justice of the peace, and deputy sheriff. His advice is often sought by his fellow-townsmen. Genial, courteous, and

HENRY W. MARSH.

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always ready to help a worthy cause or person, are the qualities that have made Mr. Marsh one of the best-liked men of northern Vermont.

CARPENTER, JAMES W., was born in New Brunswick, Queen's county, July 28th, 1863, son of William and Victoria (Murdock) Carpenter. In 1870 he came with his parents to Island Pond, Vermont. He attended the public and High school of that place and after completing his education he clerked for Judge Nathan Hobson. In 1884 he located in Norton and together with his father conducted the Stetson House for nine years. In 1893 he married Lena Murphy of Norton. They have had three children, Irene,

JAMES W. CARPENTER.

Hanford, and Henrietta. Since leaving the Stetson House he has been employed as a stationary engineer. Mr. Carpenter has served Norton as constable and tax collector.

DUCHARME, HOMER, was born in Doucet's Landing, Canada, Sep-

HOMER DUCHARME.

tember 30th, 1861, son of Jude and Eulalie Ducharme; received his education in the common schools. He located in Norton when twenty-one years of age and has been a wide-awake and progressive citizen.

In 1882 he was united in marriage to Jennie Damon. They had born to them five children, of which two are now living, Frank and Grace. Mrs. Ducharme died in January, 1890, and in 1891 he married for his second wife Blanche L. Chesvey.

He has held the various town offices and is a member of the I. O. F., and has twice been delegate to the high court of Quebec, and in 1902 was elected to represent Norton to the general assembly.

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NELSON, JUDGE WILMOT G., son of Nathaniel and Eliza (Greenleaf) Nelson, was born in Alna, Maine, May 9, 1850, and died at Norton, Vermont, June 6, 1900.

He was educated at the public schools and at completion he entered his father's shop to learn the tanner's trade; he remained there until he attained his majority, when he entered the employ of the Norton Mills company as clerk, where he remained until 1874. Soon after this he rented a store in which he conducted the principal retail trade of Norton.

August 7, 1874, he was united in marriage to Cora A., daughter of William and Margaret Libbey of East Machias, Maine. Their union was blessed by four children.

W. G. Nelson

When the town of Norton was or-

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ganized in 1885, Mr. Nelson was elected first selectman, which office he held many terms. He served as postmaster fifteen years, deputy sheriff eighteen years and at his death was completing his fourth year as county judge of Essex county.

Judge Nelson came to Norton when it was not much more than a wilderness; he began with others there in rude conditions, but on land which if new was watered by the purest of streams.

The adventurers breathed the healthiest airs and lived in the invigorating influences of a little live community in which to have been idle would have been loneliness and disgrace; and as thrift always follows frugality he grew into most happy conditions.

It is little wonder that Judge Nelson grew to be, all unconsciously to a large extent, the director of the affairs of the town, and the friend and counselor of every man in it. In every town in our country nature has created different men for the development of separate but common interests.

He possessed to an unusual degree a very great variety of qualities, adapted to nearly every want in the little community which became almost absolutely dependent on him. He was stern and determined almost to wilfulness in vindicating what he thought to be right, firm and immovable in his convictions and friendships, yet cheerful, social, jocular, tender and hopeful in all his sentiments towards an intercourse with others, and as willing to undertake the task of helping a friend out of difficulty as he would have been to help himself. Never were the poor people of any little town touched with a keener sorrow for the loss of a good friend than were those he always hastened to the relief of, when in a new country there was a multitude of wants.

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ORLEANS COUNTY

Population, Census 1900, 22,024

The earliest definite knowledge we have of white men visiting the territory embraced in Orleans county was in 1759, when Major Rodgers and 300 of his rangers had been left in Vermont to watch the operations of the French at Crown Point and Ticonderoga, across Lake Champlain. The major and a portion of his forces had been on an expedition for the reduction of St. Francis village, and while on their return they learned of a large body of Indians which were in pursuit of them. A hasty council was held, the force divided, part went by the Missisquoi bay trail, the remainder followed the St. Francis river, Lake Memphremagog, thence up the Barton river and across to the Connecticut river.

It is known that some of the rangers either remained or soon returned and settled at Brownington, Craftsbury, and Greensboro.

Early explorations were made by Lieutenant Lyford and Joseph Elkins. In 1799 the Hazen road was built.

It was not until 1778 that a permanent settlement was made in this territory. Ebenezer Crafts of Cabot opened a road from that town to Craftsbury, cleared a few acres, and erected a mill.

Ashbel Shepard and family settled in Greensboro in 1789 and the following year a son was born to them, whom they named William Scott. This was the first white child born in what is now Orleans county.

November 5, 1792, the legislature passed an act to divide Chittenden and Orange counties into six separate counties as follows: Chittenden, Orange, Franklin, Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans. On the formation of Jefferson (now Washington) county, December 1, 1810, Orleans county was shorn of a part of its territory, and again in October, 1835, when Lamoille county was created, Orleans lost the towns of Eden, Wolcott, Hyde Park, and Morristown.

The legislature of 1799 established the courts of Orleans and made Brownington and Craftsbury half shires, the sessions of the court being held alternately in these towns. The county was organized November 20, 1799. The first session of the county court was held at Craftsbury, March 24, 1800, with Timothy Hinman, chief judge, and Samuel C. Crafts and Jesse Olds, assistants. On the second day of the session Moses Chase was admitted to the bar, becoming the first lawyer in the county. Timothy Stanley of Greensboro was first county clerk, Joseph Scott of Crafts-

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bury, first sheriff; Joseph Bradley, first state's attorney; and Ebenezer Crafts of Craftsbury, first judge of probate. The terms of court continued to be held at Brownington and Craftsbury until August 16, 1816, when they were transferred to Irasburg, that place having been made the shire town. Here the terms of court were held until January 27, 1886, when Newport became the shire town and the court house erected there. The cost of the present court house, including the jail, was $21,735, a full description of which may be found in the *Express and Standard* on file at the court house.

CHARLESTON.

Population, Census of 1900, 1,025.

Governor Thomas Chittenden chartered Charleston, November 8, 1780, to Hon. Abraham Whipple, his shipmates and others. Commodore Whipple was a most distinguished naval officer of the Revolution and it was but natural that he should call his new town "Navy" in honor of the American navy which he had so bravely defended. General James Whitelaw surveyed the lots, making each lot 196 by 192 rods. He received $256 for his services.

The town remained an unbroken wilderness until 1802, uninhabited by man. In June of that year Abner Allyn felled the first trees on lot 4, first division. In July, 1803, he brought his family from Barton. He was a man of considerable note and great worth.

The town of Navy was organized March 31, 1806. Abner Allyn was chosen clerk. The list that year is of interest: Polls 7, oxen 6, cows 10, 3-year-olds 2, 2-year-olds 2, horses 4, and one watch.

Lemuel Sturtevant and Stephen Cole built the first grist-mill in 1810 and located at West Charleston, where Mr. Cole built the first frame house in 1811. In 1809 Jonas Warren had located a sawmill at this place.

It was not until 1822 that the first school was opened in the town.

Albro Allyn was born July 16, 1804, and was the first child born in the town.

Abner Allyn was the first to represent the town in the legislature and served four terms, 1807, 1808, 1813, 1814.

The first church to be erected was the stone church at West Charleston, erected in 1843. Meetings had been held more or less regularly in houses and barns from 1806, although the Freewill Baptists organized a church society as early as 1830.

Charleston did a liberal share in supplying her country with men and treasure during the Civil war and won a renown which will remain as enduring as her green hills.

There is a tradition which has come down to us from the Indians, that there was at one time a long pond extending along the Clyde river from Great Falls up to Brighton, a distance of fully ten miles. It was said that the pond had two outlets; one by a stream into Willoughby river, thence to Lake Memphremagog, the other through the Clyde into Salem Pond, then to Memphremagog lake. There is much evidence of the probability of the truth of this tradition, for we know from the earlier settlers that

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there were strong indications of its having existed. It is believed that if this long pond did actually exist that it disappeared before that of the Glover pond now known as Runnway pond, which went away, never to return, in 1810, an account of which will be found in the Glover chapter.

HOLTON, Hon. Joseph B., was born in Charleston, July 11, 1850, and was a son of John and Abbie M. (Morse) Holton. He received a good, sound education in the schools of Charleston, Morgan, and Derby. When he was six years of age his parents located in Morgan, where they remained until 1872, when Joseph B. returned to West Charleston. After completing his education he followed farming for four years. At twenty-two years of age he engaged in the boot and shoe business at West Charleston, and for two years did a successful business. He then sold out, and for the next two years was employed by the Vermont Emery Wheel company. At the age of twenty-six Mr. Holton again entered the mercantile business at West Charleston, and has continued to cater to the public in his excellent general and drug store at West Charleston until the disastrous fire of October 1, 1903, when his building and entire stock were consumed. He is now erecting a splendid three-story block on the old site, and will continue in trade. In 1875 Mr. Holton was appointed postmaster of West Charleston after one of the hottest political skirmishes ever experienced in Vermont for a like cause. It involved the entire party machinery of the state and was finally taken up by the department in Washington. Every contention of Mr. Holton was verified, and for fifteen years he held the office and gave his people the best service that they had ever had. As might be easily imagined, he is a Republican of the aggressive type who will not intrigue for self or friend, and while at first, this worked to his political disadvantage, in this, as in all cases, clean, honest, and straightforward methods won, and Mr. Holton has been honored, not only by the various town offices, but in 1886 represented Charleston in the general assembly, and in 1896 he was one of Orleans county's senators, and served as chairman of the committee on claims.

October 1, 1871, he married Alice Clark of Charleston. Four children have been born to them: William P., Clara M. (deceased), Ida M., and Myra C.

NELSON, William, son of Hugh and Jannet (Orr) Nelson, was born in Stanstead, Province of Quebec, in 1854. Hugh Nelson, a Scotchman, came first to Barton, Vermont, from his native land in 1843; here he remained for a year, and in 1844 moved his family to Stanstead, Province of Quebec.

William Nelson attended the public schools of Stanstead and worked on the farm until seventeen, when he bought his time of his father and located in Charleston, where he found employment in a sawmill. Possessed of a strong will and a splendid physique, success soon crowned his efforts. Mr. Nelson has always followed mill work and farming, and is a conspicuous success. He has at the present time a beauti-

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ful meadow farm of 300 acres, sixty head of stock, 100 hogs, and the finest modern barn in the town. In addition to his farm work he con-

WILLIAM NELSON.

ducts a sawmill on the Clyde, and employs an average of ten men all the year.

In 1875 he was married to Mira L. Buck of Charleston.

Mr. Nelson has held the various town offices, and in 1898 and 1902 represented Charleston in the general assembly.

LYON, AUGUSTUS W., son of Porter and Elvirah (Morse) Lyon, was born at Morgan, March 21, 1833. Winters he attended the Salem (now a part of Derby) district schools, and Derby academy. Leaving school at ninteen he went to Massachusetts, and for eight years was engaged in the shoe business. He then returned to Derby Line and clerked for a year in a general store. It was at this time that President Lincoln made his call for three years' men. Mr. Lyon enlisted at Charleston in Company D, Third Vermont Volunteer infantry, was mustered into the service in July, 1861, promoted to sergeant and then orderly sergeant of Company D, and August 4 was commissioned by Governor J. Gregory Smith second lieutenant, and transferred to Company I, and October 18, 1864, he was promoted to first lieutenant, and the following day was seriously wounded at Cedar Creek by a shell. Mr. Lyon participated in the engagements of his organization. Among them may be named Williamsburg, Chapin's Farm, Savage Station, White Oak

AUGUSTUS W. LYON.

Swamp, Melvin Hill, Campton's Gap, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Culpeper. He was with Grant in

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the Wilderness through to Petersburg campaign. Then the Sixth corps was ordered to Washington to protect the city from the threatened invasion of General Early; later the organization went with General Sheridan up the Shenandoah.

Mr. Lyon was mustered out July 16, 1865, with his regiment. He took up farming at Westmore until 1894, when he located at West Charleston. Mr. Lyon served Westmore as lister, road commissioner, treasurer, selectman, and in 1882 represented the town in the general assembly of Vermont.

July 12, 1856, Mr. Lyon married Harriett Prescott of Oakdale, Massachusetts. Three children were born to them: George A., who resides in Iowa, Porter E., of Westmore, and Etta E., who married Chester I. Moore of Morgan. Mrs. Lyon died in 1869, and in 1872 he took for his second wife Frances J. Clarke, and three children blessed this union: Fred A. of Barton, Eugene A. of Lowell, and Bert P.

Mr. Lyon is a member of Isaac Blake post, G. A. R., and has served several terms as commander, vice-president Orleans County Veterans' association, president of the Third Vermont Veteran association, and aide on the staff of the department commander, with the rank of major. In 1867 Mr. Lyon affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and has served his lodge as master.

WILSON, MARSHALL E., son of William D. and Sophia (Ingalls) Wilson, was born at Charleston, December 28, 1850, received his education in his native town and at Derby, followed farming until 1895, when he located in West Charleston village, and entered the milling business, conducting the Clyde Flouring mills until they were destroyed by fire July 2, 1902. In August, 1902, he bought R. W. Parker's general store, and after the destruction of the Clyde mills he opened his present grist-mill.

MARSHALL E. WILSON.

Mr. Wilson was married, in 1872, to Jerusha A. Moulton of Charleston. They have had three children: Edwin J., who is associated with his father in business, Lyone, and Harrison (deceased).

Mr. Wilson has served Charleston as road commissioner, and other places of trust. He is a member of the Baptist church, Odd Fellows, and Modern Woodmen.

ROYCE, CLARK, was born in Charleston in 1840, a son of David and Harriett (Streeter) Royce. Mr. Royce's paternal grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution from New Hampshire. David, his son, left

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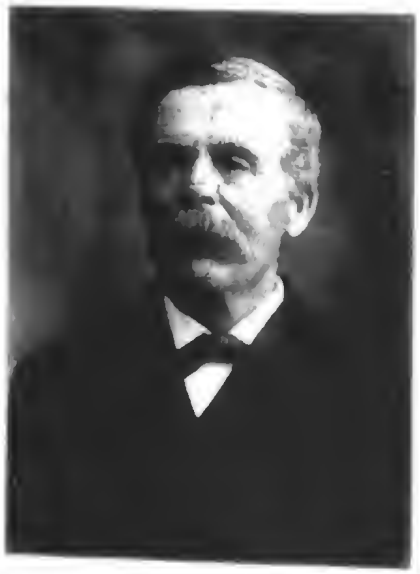
Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and for a short time lived at Lyndon, Vermont, coming to Charleston in 1828.



CLARK ROYCE.

Clark Royce followed farming after leaving school until the fall of Sumter and the call to arms. Then, on April 24, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Third Vermont volunteers, and was mustered into the United States service July 16. He served three years and was mustered out July 27, 1864. He was in all the engagements of his regiment. He returned home and has always followed farming.

He married March 27, 1867, Mercy E. Baleh. She bore him one child, Bernard C., and died June 10, 1880. April 11, 1881, he married Emma R. Blake of Stanstead, Province of Quebec.

He has been justice of the peace and selectman for twenty years, and is affiliated with the Grand Army and Masons.

CORUTH, CHARLES E., was born August 1, 1851, at Chicopee, Massachusetts, son of Benjamin and Abigail (Morse) Coruth. When but two years of age his parents located in Charleston, where he attended the district school. After completing his education at the Magog (Province of Quebec) academy he settled in West Charleston, where he was engaged in the carriage business for seven years. In 1878 he moved to East Charleston and entered the employ of John Bly in his grist-mill, remaining three years. He then bought out Mr. Bly and has continued in the business.

December 25, 1875, he was united

CHARLES E. CORUTH.

in marriage to Alice Bly, daughter of John Bly of Charleston.

Mr. Coruth has served Charleston as town treasurer nine years, clerk

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seven years, selectman one year, and in 1892 represented the town in the state legislature. He is affiliated with the Odd Fellows and Masonic fraternity.

BUCK, WILSON, was born in Charleston in 1859, a son of Myron and Mary L. (Folsom) Buck. He attended the schools of his native town, followed farming until 1882, then went to New York city, where he successfully engaged in the ice business for ten years; he then returned to the old Buck homestead on the Island Pond road. Here he made many improvements, until today it is one of the best farms along the Clyde valley.

Mr. Buck married E. Mary Stumpf of Winsted, Connecticut, in 1891. Mr. Buck has held various town offices and represented the town in the legislature of 1896.

MR. AND MRS. WILSON BUCK.

Wilson Buck, paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, located in Charleston in 1824, and came from Waterford, Vermont. His son, Myron, was for thirty years a prominent starch manufacturer, held many town offices, and was a

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man of force, character, and great popularity.

CUSHMAN, DR. JULIUS B. H., was born at Barnston, Province of Quebec, November 16, 1851, was educated in the schools of Barford and at the Coaticook academy.

JULIUS B. H. CUSHMAN, M. D.

He then took up the study of medicine, one year with Dr. Leonard at Canaan, and two years with Drs. Gammell and Marchasault at Coaticook. In 1880 Dr. Cushman located at East Charleston. In 1896 he graduated from the Illinois university, and in 1899-1900 took a post-graduate course on diseases of women in Boston. Dr. Cushman is a member of the Vermont Medical society, a Fellow of the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, and a member of the New England Eclectic Medical association. During his post-graduate studies he was assistant surgeon of the Union General hospital in Boston. For the past twenty years he has made the treatment of asthma a specialty, on which he has gained a wide reputation.

Dr. Cushman married, December

9, 1885, Mabel C. Gallup of Charleston, a lady of unusual talent and refinement. She departed this life July 31, 1903.

Dr. Cushman was for many years engaged in the drug business in connection with his practice, and for eight years was postmaster of East Charleston. The doctor enjoys a wide popularity occasioned not only for his splendid success, but for his genial, accommodating, and always kindly manner.

WILLIAM E. TRIPP.

TRIPP, WILLIAM E., born in Charleston, April 8, 1873, son of Benjamin F. and Rhoda (Davis) Tripp.

In 1826 Theodore L. Tripp of Alfred, Maine, located on Tripp Hill, about a mile from Echo pond, and cleared four acres, and the following March moved his family into the log house and here raised a large family of sturdy New Englanders. One of his children, Benjamin F., father of the subject of this sketch, is still living at the ripe old age of eighty years, enjoying remarkable health and vigor, a strong example of the result of hardy

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pioneer life in "ye olden times."

William E. Tripp received his education in the public schools of Charleston and at Lyndon Business college. In 1893 he purchased Dr. Cushman's building and opened a grocery, which he continued for four years. Six years ago he located in his present commodious store, and in March, 1898, was appointed postmaster of East Charleston. Mr. Tripp is a good example of the self-made Vermonter; starting in business a mere boy of twenty, heavily in debt, but with ten years of hustle, long hours, and a clear understanding of the public wants, he has arrived at that happy state of comparative independence.

May 26, 1894, he was married to Annie L. Cobleigh of Charleston. They have two bright children, Ralph and Albion.

PARLIN, JOHN GRAY, the subject of this sketch, was born in Charleston, January 3, 1827. When three years of age his father died. He then went to live with an uncle, John Parlin, on the old Parlin farm in the town of Salem, one and one half miles north of West Charleston village. Here he lived and obtained his education in the common schools at West Charleston. In 1850, the farm coming into his possession, he married Malinda C. Bixby of Warren, New Hampshire, a sister of the late M. H. Bixby, D. D., of Providence, Rhode Island.

He served his town as selectman and justice of the peace for ten years consecutively. In 1863-'64 he was elected to represent his town in the state legislature. At about this time he entered into the stock-buying business, being for thirty years one of the largest buyers of sheep in northern Vermont. In 1875 he removed to Charleston to reside permanently. Here he has served his town as lister for twenty years,

JOHN G. PARLIN.

also as overseer of the poor, and justice of the peace. In 1890 he represented Charleston in the legislature. Of a family of ten children only four are living: Charles O., Eva I., Irene R., and Dr. A. E. Parlin of Barton Landing, Vermont.

BROWNINGTON.

Population, Census of 1900, 718.

The legislature of Vermont, on February 22, 1782, granted the town. It was, however, chartered in October, 1780.

The first settlement was made in 1796. The town was organized March 28, 1799, by a town-meeting at the house of Major Samuel Smith, who was chosen moderator; Elijah

Strong, town clerk. At the September meeting that year Elijah Strong was elected the first representative to the state legislature.

Deacon Luke Spencer, son of Erastus Spencer, was born in 1800, and his is the first birth in the town. The first death occurred the year prior, that of Mrs. Porter.

The establishment of a county grammar school in 1824 gave importance to the town. Brownington was a half shire town until 1816.

The Congregational church was organized March 4, 1803, and Mr. Woodward, who had charge of the grammar school, was invited to become the pastor, which he did.

The Methodist church was formed later and united with the Freewill Baptists in erecting a meeting-house at the Center.

In 1799 Major Samuel Smith opened the first public house in town and it was known far and wide for its comfort and hospitality. Judge Elijah Strong later opened a tavern which he conducted for many years.

FOSTER, Elisha, son of Philoman and Dorothy (Wilson) Foster, was born at Swanzey, New Hampshire, January 5, 1832. In 1839 his parents moved to Waitsfield, Vermont, in 1842 to Coventry, and in 1843 to Brownington. Mr. Foster attended the district schools of each place and when sixteen years of age he went to New York, where he remained for three years. He then returned and built a sawmill at Willoughby branch, which he run for two years, and then sold out and went to Echo Pond, where he bought a half interest in Cade & White's mill, remaining three years, selling out his interest here to L. C. Grandy. He then returned to Brownington.

August 2, 1862, Mr. Foster enlisted in Company F, Eleventh Vermont Volunteer infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was wounded June 1, 1864, at Cold Harbor, and mustered out of the service June 24, 1865. He then returned to Brownington, where he has since resided, and engaged in the lumber business until he retired from active work.

March 17, 1859, Mr. Foster was married to Mary E. Sawyer of Charleston, by whom two children were born, both deceased. The very month that Mr. Foster entered the army (August, 1862) Mrs. Foster was taken ill and died, and April 6,

Elisha Foster.

1867, he married for his second wife, Amanda Foss of Barton.

Elisha Foster has always been a leading citizen of Brownington, ever

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ready to aid a good cause or to assist in advancing the material welfare of the town. He has held the various town offices. In 1874 and in 1888 he represented the town in the general assembly.

BROWN, URBIN W., was born at Milbourne, Province of Quebec, May 2, 1860, son of James W. and Louisa M. (Gravelin) Brown. In 1867 he came with his parents to Evansville, and attended the public schools of Brownington and Barton. He left school when fifteen years of age, and for four years worked with his father at the carpenter's trade. In 1879, with his father, he started a general store at Evansville under the firm name of J. W. Brown & Son, which for twenty-four years has met

URBIN W. BROWN.

with marked success. In 1896 James W. Brown died and the son has continued the business under the same name.

Urbin W. Brown married, December 25, 1882, Tina A. Gallup of Brownington. She was born April 6, 1860, at Danville, Province of Quebec. They have had one child, Grace A. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Brown has served the town as selectman and auditor.

October 18, 1889, Mr. Brown became a member of the Knights of Pythias as a charter member of Philamon lodge, No. 6, of Barton Landing. Being deeply impressed by the beauty of the story of Damon and Pythias and its charming exemplification as taught by this most popular society, he gave it much thought and labor, and has served his local lodge as prelate, vice-chancellor, and chancellor commander, and took the grand lodge rank. October 12, 1892, he was elected grand inside guard; October 10, 1893, grand master at arms; October 10, 1895, grand tribune, and served seven years; October 16, 1902, grand prelate, and September 24, 1903, grand vice-chancellor of Vermont.

WYMAN, JAMES M., was born at St. Armond, Province of Quebec, March 14, 1852, a son of Isaiah A. and Cynthia (Tracy) Wyman. The parents of Mr. Wyman, who were American, came from St. Armand to Vermont in 1854, and so James M. attended the public schools of Brownington and the State Normal school at Johnson. In 1865 he located in Brownington with his parents on a farm. In 1878 he located on his present farm. He is energetic, shrewd, and progressive, and has made a conspicuous success of farming.

October 21, 1872, he married Ella E. Day of Coventry. One child, a

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daughter, has blessed their most happy union.—Mamie E., born in 1875 and died in 1899.

Mr. Wyman has been frequently

JAMES W. WYMAN.

called upon to serve his townsmen in a public capacity. Since 1892 he has held the office of selectman ten years, and for nine years has been first selectman. In 1900 he represented his town in the general assembly. He served on several committees, and by his tireless energy and alertness left his impress on much of the legislation of that important session.

GROSS, GILBERT J., son of Avery H. and Harriet (Pierce) Gross, was born in Brownington, October 21, 1844.

Gilbert Gross, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came from Massachusetts and settled in Brownington in 1810, and was one of the earliest settlers of the town. His son, Avery, was born here.

Gilbert J. Gross received his education in the district schools of Brownington, and at the Coventry academy, and Orleans county grammar school. He has always followed farming, and has abundantly demonstrated that intelligent modern farming does pay. He has a model farm of some 200 acres, a splendid sugar place of 700 trees, and some forty head of stock is kept.

In June, 1874, Mr. Gross married Clara Joslyn of Brownington. Two children have been born to them: Harriet and Edmond.

Mr. Gross has served Brownington as lister, selectman, and, in 1878, representative to the general assembly. He is a careful, conservative, and highly esteemed citizen, whose wise counsel is often sought and whose judgment is always found to be sound.

GARDYNE, ALMON H., was born in Potton, Province of Quebec, son of Robert and Mary (Eaton) Gardyne. He attended the public schools of Potton and Derby academy. He left school at nineteen, and worked on the farm until twenty-one. He then found employment in the sawmill of Potton, where he remained six years, the last three of which he was in charge of the mill. He then went to Jay, Vermont, as foreman in a lumber mill, and remained four years. He then accepted a position as manager of J. H. Silsby & Co.'s mill at Lowell, and remained there for nine years, at the end of which time Mr. Gardyne went to West Burke for Silsby Brothers, but only remained a short time.

In 1900 he bought out the general

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store at Brownington Center, where he is still located. He carries an unusually large stock, well selected and up-to-date. He is a man of clear

ALMON H. GARDYNE.

perception and sound judgment, who thoroughly understands the requirements of the purchasing public. He knows what they want and has it.

In 1884 Almon H. Gardyne married Julia R. Ewins of Troy. Three unusually bright boys have blessed their union, viz.: Harold A., Robert E., and Raymond C.

Mr. Gardyne has been postmaster of Brownington Center since May, 1900. He has served Brownington as town treasurer for two years, and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

WELLS, DR. ROBERT M., son of A. B. Foster and Clara (Slack) Wells, was born at Ascot, Province of Quebec, January 24, 1878. When but four years of age his father died, and soon after the family, consisting of his mother, a brother and himself, located at West Glover, Vermont. Here he attended the public schools until thirteen years of age, when he was left to his own resources. Being possessed of a determined mind and a high ambition to acquire a profession later in life, he entered Barton academy and completed the four-year course in three years, graduating in 1896. He then taught school for a year and added materially to his fund of knowledge, experience and cash, and in 1898 he entered Howard university at Washington, D. C., remaining there during his freshman year, and then entered the University of Vermont, became a

ROBERT M. WELLS, M. D.

member of the Delta Mu and graduated in June, 1902.

The following August he located at Brownington, where, by close

application, a pleasing personality and energy, he is meeting with a marked degree of success in his chosen profession.

July 30, 1902, Dr. Wells was united in marriage to Lena Perkins of Barton, a lady of culture and refinement.

GOING, LOREN B., son of Valentine and Maria (Eggleston) Going, was born at Coventry, July 24, 1847, and when less than two years of age came with his parents to Brownington, where he has resided ever since. He was educated in the schools of the town, and has always followed farming. He is located between the villages of Brownington and Brownington Center, on a beautiful and well cultivated farm of 130 acres. Mr. Going has 700 sugar trees, and keeps some thirty head of stock.

March 5, 1874, he married Stella Mede of Brownington. One child was born to them, Nettie, who married Herbert Aldrich of Dalton, New Hampshire. For his second wife, Mr. Going married Linda, daughter of Lemuel N. Savage of Eden. One child, Clio, has blessed this union.

BEAUTIFUL WILLOUGHBY.

Mr. Going has served as selectman seven years, and for the past two years has been the second member of that board.

WESTMORE.

Population, Census of 1900, 390.

The town of Westmore was granted November 7, 1780, and chartered August 17, 1781, under

the name of Westford, by "Uriah Seymour and his associates." Subsequently the name was changed to Westmore.

The date of the first settlement of Westmore is uncertain, yet in 1795 several families came from Windsor and, selecting such lands as seemed suitable for their purposes, they commenced the usual labors incident to home building. Among the first families was James Lyon, Jabez Hunter, Abel Bigbee, and David Porter.

The first survey of the town was made by John Johnson, and was completed in the spring of 1800. David Porter was granted 400 acres for building the first saw and grist-mill. These were in good working order in 1804.

The town was organized in March, 1805, Jabez Hunter being chosen town clerk; Jerethmel Cummings, Allen Wait, and Lot P. Woodruff, selectmen. The first freemen's meeting was in September of that year, but no representative to the general assembly was chosen.

In 1833 the town was reorganized, with David Wilson town clerk and John C. Page as representative.

The surface of the town is very broken, with Mounts Pisgah and Hor in the southern part and Westmore, Haystack, and Bald mountains in the northern part. These mountains, with the many brooks, ponds, and the far famed Willoughby lake, all go to make up a most charming landscape which annually attracts many tourists.

For many years there was a demand for a roadway along the lake at the foot of Mount Pisgah, but the town was unable to undertake the, to them, almost impossible work. But the demand grew and

BEAUTIFUL WILLOUGHBY, FROM FARM OF HENRY E. LYON.

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in 1850 the court, by commissioners, laid out the road and assessed the towns north and south to pay the cost. Peter Gilman, of Westmore, took the contract and completed his task in 1852.

LYON, HENRY EDSON, born in Salem, now Derby, October 2, 1848, farmer, located in town 1879, educated at Charleston academy, in early years was a salesman, gent's furnishings, and also learned the sil-

HENRY E. LYON.

ver and brass finishing trade. Has been lister, auditor, constable, and collector many years. Elected to the house of representatives, 1902, was on committees land taxes, fourth joint rules, and made committee for Orleans county on removal of state house. He has one brother, Charles D. Lyon of Lynn, Massachusetts, and one sister, Jennie (Lyon) McIntire of Lowell, Massachusetts. He married Blanche W. Sargent, April 2, 1873, granddaughter of Dr. Seneca Sargent of Lawrence, Massachusetts, formerly of Concord and Lunenburg. They have one son, Leon A. Lyon of Springfield, Massachusetts, and one daughter, Blanche L. (Lyon) Barsford of Barton.

His father, Edson Lyon, was a farmer and miller in Charleston and represented the town two terms. He died in 1878. Josiah Lyon, grandfather of H. E. Lyon, was born in 1772 at Woodstock, Connecticut. He was a member of the first board of selectmen in Salem in 1822, represented Salem several times, and held all other town offices. He was also deacon of the Baptist church of Derby Center for over forty years. He died in 1866, aged ninety-four years.

WILLOUGHBY LAKE HOUSE. There is to be had no more beautiful or enchanting view of the justly named and far-famed Lucerne of America than is to be had from the verandas or lawn at this quaint and historic hostelry. To the right is that heroic old rocky giant, Pisgah, from whose lofty summit the Rev. Samuel Peters, in 1763, beholding the grandeur of this promised land, declared, "I name thee *Verd Mount*," thus the name of Vermont was given to our Green Mountain state. From this beautiful spot, this monument of centuries, this shrine of the summer tourist, the delicate wild roses breathe their fragrance on the long summer-day air, the dense woods send forth their rich aroma, and in the distance, beautiful meadows, through which wind silvery streams, all go to add to the enchantment of this never-to-be-forgotten scene. Never was spot more beautiful.

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The Willoughby Lake house is a thoroughly modern hotel that has become so popular that it frequently entertains a hundred or more guests at a time. Much of its great popularity is due to its genial and admirable management. For twenty-five years Mrs. N. R. Richardson has met and conquered the summer guest until to-day her name is a guarantee of a most enjoyable vacation in nature's playground.

WILLOUGHBY LAKE HOUSE, WESTMORE.

WELCOME B. DANIELS' HOMESTEAD, WESTMORE.

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DANIELS, WARNER C., was born in Westmore, August 5, 1861, son of

WARNER C. DANIELS.

Welcome B. and Electa (Humphrey) Daniels. He attended the district schools of Westmore and followed farming until 1895, when he bought out Harold Robinson's general store. He was appointed postmaster of Westmore and held that office until 1900, when he resigned to accept an election as representative to the general assembly. He has been town clerk and treasurer for the past eight years. He has ever been foremost in any movement that would assist in the development and progress of his native place as a summer resort.

In 1887 he was united in marriage to Clara B. Atkins of Cabot. They have had four children, three of whom are now living, viz.: Carroll W., Greta E., and Electa G.

When Mr. Daniels resigned in 1900 as postmaster, Mrs. Daniels was appointed to fill the vacancy.

GILMAN'S TAVERN. For seventy-five years the present house has been in successful operation, located in a charming nook on the shore of the lake and overlooking a scene of

GILMAN'S TAVERN (WILLOUGHBY HOUSE).

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dreamy beauty. With the placid and silvery Willoughby at your feet and with the abrupt old giant, Mount Hor, upon the further shore, you have a view seldom witnessed in this or any other country. The house has thirty-three rooms, is open the year round, and has a first-class livery connected. Guests here are made to feel that their comfort is the sole business of the genial proprietors. Mrs. Gilman has been connected with the house for nearly a quarter of a century.

Peter Gilman, the paternal grandfather of Harry H. Gilman, came to Westmore about 1825. He performed the seemingly impossible task of building the road along the lake. His son, Edward, was born soon after he came here, and married Chloe Leland of Barton. Ten children were born to them, one of which was Harry H., one of the proprietors of Gilman's Tavern. He was born in Barton, March 4, 1854, attended the public schools of Westmore, and eighteen years ago engaged in the hotel business. He has held the various town offices, and in

RUFUS AVERILL.

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1888 represented Westmore in the general assembly.

March 12, 1886, he married Mrs. Ellen M. Atkins, who, with him, conducts the tavern under the firm name of H. H. & E. M. Gilman.

AVERILL, Captain Rufus, son of Samuel and Sabrina (Pierce) Averill, was born in the town of Lyndon, October 27, 1833, and attended the public schools of his native town, St. Johnsbury, and Derby. When twenty-seven years of age Captain Averill bought a farm in Newport, where he remained until 1862, when he entered the United States service as second lieutenant, Company H, Fifteenth Vermont Volunteer infantry; he was later promoted to be first lieutenant, and transferred to Company I. Returning from the war he located on his farm at Newport, where he remained until 1877, when he moved to Westmore. At the coming of Captain Averill to the shores of the ever-beautiful Willoughby, there were no cottages, today there are some more than seventy cottages and a hundred deeded lots for new cottages. In the spring of 1883 Captain Averill put a pleasure steamer on the lake and every season since that time he has probably done more than any other man to add to the pleasure of the thousands of always-pleased summer boarders. He has been honored by the various town offices and in 1894 represented Westmore in the state legislature.

The Korwaydin, Captain Rufus Averill.

In 1860 he married Amanda M. Gould of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Four children were the fruit of this happy union: Josephine G. (Mrs.

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H. E. Robinson of Laconia, New Hampshire), Thomas G., Mary M. (Mrs. C. H. Atkins of Westmore), and Charles C. Mrs. Averill died in 1884, and in 1886 Captain Averill took for his second wife, Emma McLain of Canton, Ohio.

There is probably no man in Westmore who has a wider acquaintance or more warm personal friends than has the veteran of this Lucerne of America.

CONLEY, GEORGE W., son of George and Mary (Robb) Conley, was born in Charleston in 1859, and attended the district schools of Charleston and Sutton. After completing his education he took up farming. Mr. Conley located in Westmore in 1878. He is engaged in lumbering and teaming. He has

GEORGE W. CONLEY.

taken a keen interest in all matters that would advance the material welfare of Willoughby lake, and has served Westmore as selectman, constable, deputy sheriff, road commissioner, and in 1896 represented the town in the general assembly of Vermont.

In November, 1889, Mr. Conley married Emma E. Wilson of Charleston. One child has been born to them, Gerald E.

MORGAN.

Population, Census of 1900, 510.

The principal part of what is now the town of Morgan was chartered under the name of Caldersburgh, November 6, 1780. Oct. 19, 1801, Brownington and Whitelaw's Gore were annexed and the southeasterly part of the town was set off to Wenlock, a long strip of land extending nearly to the Connecticut river, but which has since been taken to form several towns in Essex county.

The name of Caldersburgh was changed to Morgan in honor of John Morgan, one of the original grantees.

Nathan Wilcox was the first settler, and came with his family in 1802. Christopher Bartlett came in 1805. Many of his descendants still may be found both here and at Island Pond.

In 1829, John Whitehill came from Ryegate and located upon the farm now owned by his son, Matthew.

BLAKE FAMILY, THE, is of Welsh and English descent, and the earliest representative of the Morgan branch came to America about the year 1700 and located in New Hampshire, where his two sons, James V. and Grant L. were born.

James V. Blake, while yet a young man, came to Island Pond, and there married Lydia Elliott, who was born at Danville Green. They had several children.

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Grant L. Blake married Catherine Parllaw and had seven children: Mary, Sarah, Cynthia, Thomas, James L., Sylvester, William, and Elias. Grant L. Blake met an accidental death in 1837, caused by a falling tree, while he was at work in the town of Holland.

James L. Blake was born in Holland in 1825, and when a boy came to Morgan, and was educated in the district schools of Holland, Morgan, and Brownington. He married, in 1851, Surlenda M. Blake, by whom one son, Sylvester L., was born, January 25, 1858. James L. Blake died in 1900. He had held the various town offices and was a highly respected citizen, a man of good judgment and sound morals.

Sylvester L. Blake, son of James and Surlenda Blake, was born in Morgan, attended the district schools, and always followed farming, carpentering, and butchering. For the past nine years he has been conducting the old homestead farm and a general store. He married July 5, 1879, Hattie I. Ainsworth of Morgan, who was born March 28, 1858.

WHITEHILL, Ellsworth M., son of Matthew and Ellen (Marsh) Whitehill, was born in Morgan, June 12, 1865. His paternal great-grandfather came from Scotland and settled at Ryegate, Vermont, and his son, John Whitehill, came to Morgan in 1829, and located upon the farm now occupied by his son Matthew.

Ellsworth M. Whitehill received his education in the public schools of Morgan and at the Island Pond high school.

June 6, 1889, he married Carrie Williams, and seven children have blessed their happy union: Earl J., Rena M., Alice M., Raymond M., Lucian J., Avis D., and Iva D. Mr. Whitehill has always taken an active

Ellsworth M. Whitehill.

part in public affairs, and although a young man has been frequently elected to public office. He has held the various town offices and in 1902 represented Morgan in the general assembly.

GILMORE, Joseph H., son of John and Nellie (Robinson) Gilmore, was born at Calais, Maine, in 1860. He received his education in the public schools of Castine and Brewer, and at the Orono high school. After leaving school he followed sawmill work until 1882, when he located in Morgan, Vermont, and entered the sawmill of J. A. Gray. Two years later he formed a partnership with Mr. Gray, which continued until 1897. He then did farming for a year, and in 1898 he

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again entered the mill business and operated his present general store, which he later sold out, and still later bought back, and now con-

JOSEPH H. GILMORE.

ducts. In 1896 Mr. Gilmore was appointed postmaster; two years later he resigned to accept an election as representative of Morgan to the state legislature.

March 24, 1884, Mr. Gilmore married Minnie, daughter of J. A. Gray of Morgan. Two children have blessed their union: Gerald H. and Oldis C.

BURROUGHS, EUGENE C., was born in Morgan, September 21, 1845, received his education in the common schools of his native town and when eighteen years of age—December 13, 1863,—enlisted as a private in Company H, Second regiment, Berdan's Sharpshooters, was discharged July 13, 1865, as a corporal of Company H, Fourth Vermont Volunteer infantry. Mr. Burroughs participated in fourteen engagements.

Zebulon Burroughs, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of New Hampshire, born in 1794, and located in Coventry in 1811. He married Martha Reed and reared a family of ten children, one of whom was Carlos E., who was an early settler of Morgan. He married Irene P., daughter of Joel and Elmira Williams, early settlers of Derby. One of their children was Eugene C., who married Julia E., daughter of David and Lois Barnes.

EUGENE C. BURROUGHS.

Mr. Burroughs has held the various offices of his town, and represented it in 1890 in the general assembly.

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HOLLAND.

Population, Census of 1900, 838.

The town was chartered to Timothy Andrews and others October 26, 1789. It was eleven years before any settlement was made. In 1800 Edmund Elliott from New Hampshire and Joseph Cowell from Connecticut located in town. A son was born to Mr. Cowell the following year and named Royal. Jesse Willey was born in 1803, J. C. Robinson and Hiram Moon in 1804.

Eber Robinson, a soldier of the Revolution, came to Holland in 1801. He was born October 7, 1759, in Windham county. He was a man of strong characteristics, and filled most of the important offices of the town. He was the first town clerk, first selectman, and first town representative. He was the recognized leader of the town in both politics and religion.

Jason Hinman, son of Colonel Joel Hinman, an officer of the Revolution, who was born in Connecticut in 1782, was another of the sturdy pioneers who did much to make our state famous. In 1801 he came to explore the regions of northern Vermont. He, with a cousin, walked the entire distance of 300 miles. He took the freeman's oath in 1806, was chosen town clerk in 1809, was a member of the constitutional conventions of 1836 and 1850, and represented Holland in 1814, 1823, 1825, 1836, 1838, and 1843. He married Lucy, daughter of Eber Robinson. He was a man of unyielding devotion to duty, independent and fearless. He cared little for approval or disapproval. He was tender-hearted, generous, and sympathetic.

Micha Ferrin, another of the sturdy pioneers, deserves special mention. He came in 1808. He identified himself with public improvements and the advancement of educational movements, especially in providing means to erect a church, to which he gave liberally. He was a good citizen, a kind father, a Christian gentleman. He represented the town in 1847-'48.

Holland did a noble part in the War of the Rebellion and gave lavishly of her sons for the preservation of the American Union.

FLETCHER, Hon. Sidney R., was born in Holland, December 1, 1832, son of Joseph and Lucinda (Robinson) Fletcher.

Joseph Fletcher, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1803, and was a native of Maine. He came with his parents to Vermont about 1815, and was among the earliest settlers in the town of Holland, and resided in the town until his death in 1883. He was for several years town clerk.

Eber Robinson, a soldier of the Revolution from Connecticut, settled in Holland in 1801 or 1802, and his was the third family in the town. He came on horseback and brought his year-old daughter, Lucinda, with him. She married Joseph Fletcher and six children blessed their union.

Sidney, their son, attended the district schools of Holland, a private school at Charleston, and Derby academy. After completing his education he taught school for four years and then went to Massachusetts, where he remained for three years. He then returned to the present farm, which has been his home since a lad of fifteen years. He has followed farming of the pro-

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gressive order, and has one of the finest farms in Orleans county.

March 4, 1858, he married Harriet H. Lang of Tilton, New Hampshire. They had two children: Anna, who married Charles C. Clark of Derby, and died August 8, 1903, and Carrie, who married Harris T. Bryant of Holland.

SIDNEY R. FLETCHER.

Mr. Fletcher has long been recognized as a man of rare ability, sound judgment, and great worth, and has naturally occupied a leading place in the affairs of not only Holland, but Orleans county. He has been town clerk forty-three years, and held the various other offices. He represented Holland in the general assembly of Vermont in 1872, and again in 1888. In 1884 he was state senator for Orleans county, and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1870. In 1880 he was chosen assistant judge of Orleans county, and served two years. He has settled many estates, and for thirty years has been connected with the Methodist church, and in 1900 was chosen as Vermont's delegate to the general conference at Chicago.

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BRYANT, HARRIS T., was born in Holland, December 16, 1857, a son of George and Sibil (Pinney) Bryant. He received a good practi-

HARRIS T. BRYANT.

cal education in the district schools of the town, and then took up farming until 1884, when he went to New York city and entered the employ of the Crystal Lake Ice company, where he remained for ten years, the last five of which as foreman. He returned to Vermont in 1894 and engaged in farming with his father-in-law, Judge Sidney R. Fletcher.

February 9, 1887, he was married to Carrie L., daughter of Judge Fletcher. Two children have been born to them: Harriet Sibil (deceased) and Grace F.

Mr. Bryant was selectman from 1894 to 1900, school director for five years, and in 1900 was Holland's representative in the general assembly. He is treasurer of Holland Creamery association and has been since its incorporation.

FERRIN, ELVYN A., was born in Holland, January 9, 1845, a son of Martin C. and Sarah S. (Mead) Ferrin. Micah Ferrin, the paternal grandfather, was born at Londonderry, New Hampshire, in 1787, and came to Holland in 1808. His son, Martin C., was born in 1816.

Elvyn A. Ferrin attended the district schools of Holland and Derby, and Stanstead (Province of Quebec) academy, completing his education when eighteen years of age. He has always followed farming.

In 1868, he married Antha E., daughter of Amasa Kidder of Holland. They have had two children:

ELVYN A. FERRIN.

Edith M. (Mrs Charles N. Williams of Brighton), and Kate E., a teacher.

Mr. Ferrin is a man of wide reading and enjoys an unusual acquaint-

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ance among the leading men of northern Vermont. He enjoys a marked degree of public popularity, and has served the town eleven years as lister; first selectman, eight years, and in 1886 was its representative in the general assembly.

MARSH, HARRY R., son of Joseph and Sarah (Hinman) Marsh, was born at Derby, November 13, 1841. He came with his parents to Holland and received his education in the district schools, and after completing his education took up farming, which he has always followed, and has proven that with care, enterprise, and intelligence, farming will pay.

July 4, 1864, he married Arvilla M. Allbee of Derby, daughter of

HARRY R. MARSH.

Elijah Allbee, Jr. They have had one child, a daughter, Myrtie A., who married Bert J. Farr of Morgan, Vermont, January 15, 1896.

Mr. Marsh has served Holland as selectman and lister, and in 1896 represented the town in the general assembly of Vermont.

MERTON R. LACKEY.

LACKEY, MERTON R., was born at Sheldon, June 13, 1850, son of Edgar and Agnes (Shields) Lackey. He attended the public schools of Montgomery. Mr. Lackey located in Holland in 1881, and has always followed farming. He has a homestead of 160 acres, with 2,000 sugar trees, and keeps fifty head of stock.

In February, 1876, he married Mary Douglass of Putnam, New York, and has had five children, all of whom are living: Howard H., Jennie A., Ira X., Jay E., and Max D. He has served Holland as grand juror and justice of the peace.

TICE, GEORGE H., was born at Derby, June 12, 1844, a son of Oliver B. and Rhoda W. (Greene) Tice. Mr. Tice received a good comm-n

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school education in the public schools of Derby and Holland, and at eighteen years of age enlisted in Company K, Tenth regiment, Ver-

GEORGE H. TICE.

mont volunteers, and served to the close of the war, was wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864, and when discharged from the service was a sergeant of his company. After the close of the war he settled in Holland and took up farming and lumbering and has been probably Holland's leading business man. He owns some 800 acres of land connected with his splendid farm, a sawmill and several other buildings at Tice village. He has been too active and busy to give any attention to seeking public office, yet he has served as constable, first selectman, and in 1884 represented the town in the general assembly.

October 21, 1869, he married Luella E. Bates of Holland. They have had six children, two of whom are living: Herbert B. of Derby, ton of Holland). Mrs. Moulton has and Jennie T. (Mrs. Ernest G. Moullong been a most successful teacher, and has taught thirty-seven terms.

KIDDER, OLIVER L., was born at Enosburg in December, 1836, son of Amasa and Esther (Brewer) Kidder, and was educated in the district schools and the academy. He located in Holland in 1860 and has lived here ever since that time, and has a particularly good farm of 265 acres, has 1,500 sugar trees, and keeps about fifty head of stock.

Mr. Kidder married Flora Brown in June, 1862, and had one child, Florence (Mrs. Homer Twombly of

OLIVER L. KIDDER.

Holland). Mrs. Kidder died in July, 1898, and Mr. Kidder married for his second wife, in November, 1899, Sarah J. Hodges of Enosburg. Mr.

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Kidder has served Holland as superintendent of schools, selectman, and as its representative in 1890.

TABOR, LEMUEL R., son of Cornelius D. and Sarah (Ferrin) Tabor, was born in Barton, February 6, 1826. When only two years of age his parents located in Holland, and it was here the Tabor children laid the foundation for a long, useful life, —on the farm and at the splendid district schools. Mr. Tabor has always followed farming, and in 1891 he went to Manhattan, Kansas, where he farmed for eight years, returning to Holland in 1899. Two years later he located at Morgan Beach, one of the prettiest sites in that charming locality.

March 19, 1849, Mr. Tabor married Tryphena Welch of Stanstead, Province of Quebec. Ten children were born to them, seven of whom are still living. Mr. Tabor held the various town offices and in 1878 represented Holland in the state legislature.

LEMUEL R. TABOR.

Hon. Horace A. W. Tabor, a brother of Lemuel, was born November 26, 1833, in Holland, and half a century ago located in Kansas, but soon after went to Leadville, Colorado, where he became one of the bonanza kings of the pioneer days. He acquired fame, fortune, and a seat in the United States senate.

HORACE A. W. TABOR.

The Tabors are of English descent and early located at Topsham, where Cornelius was born. A remarkable feature of the family was, that of the twelve children, none died under seventy-three years of age.

BRADFORD, JAMES A., son of William and Isabelle (Parker) Bradford, was born at Melbourne, Canada, February 28, 1853. His mother died there in the winter of 1859. He came from Canada with his father in

the summer of 1860, and located in the town of Morgan. His people being extremely poor, his chances for getting an education were very limited. He attended the district school when not working out to help support the family.

November 14, 1873, Mr. Bradford married Edna L. Burroughs of Morgan and moved to Derby for two years. Here their only child, Gertie Isabelle, now Mrs. Alfred L. Demick, was born August 7, 1875. He came to Holland in November, 1875, where he has resided ever since. He is engaged in farming and carrying on a general store. Mr. Bradford has always taken a keen interest in the welfare of his town, and is a

JAMES A. BRADFORD.

wide-awake and public-spirited citizen. He has held various town offices, was a justice of the peace fourteen consecutive years, and in 1894 represented his town in the legislature.

KELLEY, LEVI R., son of George and Mary (Moore) Kelley,

LEVI R. KELLEY.

was born at St. Johnsbury, March 3, 1849. In 1857 his parents moved to Derby. Mr. Kelley received his education in the district schools and academy at Derby. He has always followed farming and in later years has dealt extensively in cattle. In 1871 he married Clara Dodge of Derby, and located in Holland, on what is known as the Pratt farm. Fourteen years after he sold out and bought the F. F. Ruiter place, where he still resides. Five children have blessed their union: William G., Orville L., Stuart R., Parker D., and Clarence B.

Mr. Kelley has served as lister, school director eight years, constable and collector fifteen years, and

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in 1902 represented the town in the general assembly of Vermont.

LE BARON, ALFRED M., was born at Barford, Province of Quebec, in 1845, of American parents, son of William and Betsey (Ingalls) Le Baron. When twelve years of age his parents moved to Stanstead, where they were for four years. Locating in Holland, four years later they settled in Island Pond, but soon after returned to Holland. Alfred M. Le Baron received a good, sound education in the schools of the several towns in which he resided and then took up sawmill work, to which he has devoted his time. For the past thirty-two years he has been in the employ of G. R. Caswell and for the past seven years he has been manager of the G. A. Caswell Lumber company's mill.

July 4, 1869, Mr. Le Baron married Martha Moshier of Holland. They have had three children: Edgar, who is a machinist and has been in the employ of the Butterfield company at Derby Line for the past thirteen years; Sada, Mrs. Wilbur Wallace of Holland, and Ea, Mrs. William Smith of Holland.

Mr. Le Baron is a man of ability, push, and good judgment, and being a man of integrity and with a high sense of honor, he has won a place of credit and responsibility among his townsmen.

ALBANY.

Population, Census of 1900, 1,028.

June 27, 1781, the state granted to Col. Henry E. Lutterloh, Major Thomas Coggswell, Gen. Joseph Badger, Col. Ebenezer Smith, Col. Antipas Gilman, Gen. John Tyler, and fifty-five others, a township under the name of "Lutterloh," which name it bore until 1815, when the inhabitants petitioned the legislature to change it to Albany, which was done.

The charter of the town was granted June 26, 1782. In 1788 the town was first surveyed; but no settlement was made until 1799. Who the first settler was is not definitely known, but in 1800 there were several families in town.

The town was organized in 1806, with Thomas Coggswell, moderator; Benjamin Neal, clerk; Silas Downer, Eli Chamberlain, and Thomas Coggswell, selectmen. Thomas Coggswell was chosen the first representative in 1808.

Stanton Fairfield, son of Isaac, was the first white child born in town.

In the various wars Albany has always done her part, liberally and ungrudgingly, and in the War of the Rebellion furnished 117 men and paid more than $12,000 in bounties.

The Congregational society was the first to be established in town, and was organized August 16, 1818. Rev. Elias W. Kellogg became the first settled minister in 1826.

The Methodist society was organized in the same year, and in 1833 erected the first church in town.

In 1842 the Freewill Baptist society was organized at East Albany, and in 1874 the Catholic church was organized at East Albany.

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CHAFEY, Hon. Martin Beard, was born at Albany, May 11, 1842, a son of Hiram and Asenath (Kendall) Chafey. He was educated in the public schools, the academy, and the People's academy at Morrisville. After completing his education, Mr. Chafey clerked for a year at Derby Line, and then served a similar period in a Boston wholesale house. In 1866 he entered the mercantile business with his brother, Hiram W., but since 1882 has conducted the business by himself.

He enlisted in the army at the outbreak of the Civil war, but being a minor, his parents refused to consent to his entry to the service. Before the age of twenty-one he had been enlisted once and had been drafted twice.

He served as postmaster of Albany from 1866 to 1886; was elected town clerk in 1876 and treasurer in 1893, the two latter he still holds. In 1890 he represented Albany in the general assembly and attended the extra session of 1891. His son, Roland E., accompanied him to the capital as a page in the house; at

Martin B. Chafey.

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the extra session Roland was appointed assistant secretary of the house, being only fourteen years of age, and the youngest person ever to hold that position, and at seventeen was assistant cashier of the First National bank of Ithaca, Michigan. For the past six years Roland E. Chafey has held an important position with the Boston Safety Deposit and Trust company, and is a member of the Boston Association of Vermonters.

Martin B. Chafey was elected a member of the Vermont senate from Orleans county in 1898. Is trustee of the Barton Savings bank of Barton, Vermont, which position he has held since its organization, being one of the incorporators, and is one of its investment committee.

Married Jennie Wilson, a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Calderwood) Mitchell of Craftsbury. Four children have been born to them: Don M. (died in infancy), Agnes O., Roland E., and Margaret E., now Mrs. William H. Stevens of St. Johnsbury.

WILLIAMS, CHARLES W., was born in Greensboro, March 1, 1861, a son of West and Eliza (Clarke) Williams. He was educated at Glover and Craftsbury, and came to South Albany in 1885.

Mr. Williams has always followed farming and has a good place of 125 acres, 1,500 sugar trees, and keeps forty-five head of stock.

He has served Albany as school director for three years and as selectman for three years.

In 1884 Mr. Williams was married to Alice Anderson of Glover. One son has been born to them: Leo West Williams, born September 15, 1895.

West Williams, father of Charles W., was born at Montpelier, and for many years was in trade at Greensboro, and conducted a tannery at Craftsbury.

WILLIAM ROWELL.

ROWELL, WILLIAM, son of Enoch Rowell, a soldier in the American Revolution, was born in Plainfield, New Hampshire, in 1788. He came to Albany, Vermont, in 1812 and, in company with his brother, Enoch, bought two lots of land in the southern part of the town, on which was the first and only distillery ever operated in town. They contracted to pay a stipulated number of gallons of potato whisky for the land. When the contract was filled the still was stopped. After paying for the farm the brothers divided it between them, Enoch taking the southern half and William the northern half, which, together with

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additions purchased, constitute the farm where his grandson, William W., now resides.

In 1818 he married Sally Leavitt, and five children was the fruit of their union. He took a decided interest in public affairs, holding the several town offices, and was a representative in the Vermont legislature for several terms. He was an active member of the Masonic order in its early history in the state. He died in 1871, and his wife two years later.

ENOCH C. ROWELL.

Enoch C. Rowell, grandson of Enoch, and nephew of William, was born in Plainfield, New Hampshire, October 18, 1835, and came to Albany in 1851 to live with his uncle William. He married Viola, daughter of his uncle William, in 1865, They had three children: William W., Jennie Clover, Mrs. J. C. Thornton of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Mary V., who resides with her brother, William W., on the old homestead. He gained considerable prominence in local affairs, and was a man of character, worth, and recognized ability. He held the various town offices, and in 1878 represented the town in the legislature. He was commissioned captain of Company H, First regiment, Vermont Militia, in August, 1866. He always took an active interest in the Masonic order, of which he was a member. He died June 28, 1900. His widow still resides on the old homestead.

William W. Rowell was born on the old farm in 1865, and educated in the district schools of his native town and Craftsbury academy. He has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the town, to which his family history is so closely allied. He has served as road commissioner,

WILLIAM W. ROWELL.

lister, and auditor, and in 1900 represented the town in the state legislature. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and

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affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

PATTERSON, ADAMS D., was born at Glover in 1833, a son of

ADAMS D. PATTERSON.

Gabriel and Mary (Pope) Patterson. He was educated at the public schools and at Glover institute. He has always followed farming, with the exception of two years, one of which he was in trade at East Burke, the other in trade at South Albany. He located in Albany thirty-eight years ago.

March 25, 1858, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth, daughter of Siloam Rowell of Albany, and lived in Glover seven years before moving to Albany. Two children have been the fruit of their happy union: Fred W. (deceased) and Effie E., Mrs. Fred C. Brown of Barton Landing.

Mr. Patterson has served Glover as justice, and Albany as auditor, selectman, and in 1896 as representative to the general assembly of Vermont. For many years he has been a working member and steward of the M. E. church.

MILES, A. RUFUS, a son of Timothy C. and Almira (Rowell) Miles, was born January 3, 1854, at Albany. Educated in the public schools of his native town, he has followed thoroughly progressive and modern farming, with the result that he is now classed among the successful farmers of northern Vermont. His fine farm of 300 acres and 1,000 sugar trees is pleasantly located a mile from Albany village, on the road to Irasburg. Sixty head of stock is the average usually kept on this very productive farm.

In 1878 Mr. Miles married Abbie

A. RUFUS MILES.

Greaves of Craftsbury. Two children have been born to them: Frank and Effie.

He has served Albany as a lister,

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selectman, and in 1902 as representative to the legislature.

BROWN, JOHN A., a son of Thomas P. and Sally (Woolley)

JOHN A. BROWN.

Brown, was born at Plymouth, Windsor county, August 16, 1850. When five months old his parents came to Westfield. Here Mr. Brown attended the public schools and the academy. Farming has been his chosen field, and he has an unusually fine place of 270 acres on the Irasburg road. Fifty-five head of stock are kept.

In 1875 he married Flora E., daughter of Willard Hunt of Albany. They have four children: Lucius R., Gladys S. E., Mildred A., and Muriel M.

Mr. Brown has served Albany as grand juror, justice of the peace, and for the past five years as selectman. He is superintendent of the Congregational Sunday-school, and a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is now serving as chaplain of Central lodge, No. 62, F. & A. M., of Irasburg.

TENNEY, FRANK W., a son of John and Evaline (Washburn) Tenney, was born at Albany, February 18, 1854, attended school at Albany, and always followed farming, with the exception of eight years that he was engaged in trade in this town. In 1880 he married Etta, a daughter of Ezra Wilcox of Albany. Two children were born to them. One only, John Curtis, survives. Mrs. Tenney died in 1901.

Mr. Tenney has served Albany four years as postmaster, six years as school director, fourteen years as lister, eight years as constable and

FRANK W. TENNEY.

collector, and in 1894 as representative to the general assembly.

John Tenney, father of Frank W., was a foremost citizen of the

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town, held the various town offices, and was serving as town treasurer at the time of his death, which occurred in 1883. He represented Albany in the general assembly in 1874.

GREGORY, REV. ALBERT, was born at Stanbridge, Province of Quebec, April 2, 1848, a son of A. H. Gregory and grandson of Daniel Gregory, one of the first settlers of St. Albans, Vermont. Mr. Gregory was reared on a farm and educated in the district schools and academies.

Leaving the farm he learned the painter's trade and followed this line for eighteen years, becoming a workman of skill and meeting with a marked degree of public confidence and favor.

In 1869 Mr. Gregory was united in marriage to Marion M., fifth daughter of Luther Colburn, who was one of the early settlers of Barton. Five sons and a daughter have been born to them. The daughter died at Glover. The sons are Albert H., Warren A., Charles S., Daniel J., and Harry V., all grown to manhood.

REV. AND MRS. ALBERT GREGORY.

Daniel J. Gregory saw service in

the Spanish-American war with the New Hampshire troops and in the Philippines. Charles S. Gregory is now corporal of Company I, Tenth regiment, United States regulars, stationed at Fort Adams, Newport, Rhode Island.

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Gregory became converted in 1870 at Manchester, New Hampshire, and united with the Free Baptist church of that place. Four years later they joined the Methodist church and in 1884, while at Glover working at his trade, he took out a local preacher's license. In 1888 he joined the Vermont conference and has served the following charges: Guildhall, Bloomfield, Newport Center, Troy, Danville and West Danville, West Concord, Westfield and Lowell, Holland and Morgan, East Burke and East Haven, and is now at Albany.

In the various charges Mr. Gregory has devoted himself diligently and faithfully to his duty as he has seen it; a preacher of strength and a man of exemplary character, his has been a work that has borne fruit. He has always manifested a cheerful, helpful, and Christian spirit that has endeared him to those among whom he has been placed by the Conference.

SHEPARD, Guy E., a son of George and Chloe (Amidon) Shepard, was born at Marshfield in 1869, and received his education in the district schools of his native town. At twenty years of age he came to Albany and for eight years he was the village blacksmith. He then took up farming and lumbering, and in 1902 purchased the general store of Dr. Campbell at South Albany. At this time he was appointed the village postmaster, and has won a marked degree of public confidence, as his business would indicate, doing by far the largest business ever done in the place, still continuing the lumber business.

November 25, 1887, he was united in marriage to Joanna Woodward of Enosburg. Two children have blessed their union: Carroll G., born March 5, 1889, and Mildred M., born January 12, 1896.

Mr. Shepard takes a lively interest in all matters that will upbuild the village of South Albany, and is completing one of the finest residences in town. As Mr. Shepard's friends say, "when he makes a start they need not look for him back, for he don't go that way."

JAY.

Population, Census of 1900, 530.

On March 13, 1780, the town of Jay was chartered under the name of Carthage. The land finally reverted to the state and in 1792 the legislature changed the name in the following manner: "The tract of land called Carthage is an uncommonly good one and should be erected into a township by the name of Jay." Childs, in his gazetteer, tells us that that "one third of the territory was granted to Governor Thomas Chittenden and the remaining two thirds to John Jay and John Cozine of New York." The Chittenden grant was chartered November 7, 1792. A copy of this charter was not filed in the office of the secretary of state for record until January 29, 1806. The last of the Chittenden lands passed out of the name when, on April 1, 1874, George W. Chittenden of Boston,

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Massachusetts, sold a tract of land to B. F. Paine of Jay.

Samuel Palmer was the first settler. He came prior to July, 1807. Luther and Philander Bailey came at about this time.

The town was organized and the first meeting held March 29, 1828. Madison Keith, who came from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, was the first representative of the town.

CHAMBERLIN, HENRY DWIGHT, was born in Jay, July 11, 1841, a son of Joshua and Sophia (Smith) Chamberlin. His early life was spent upon a farm, with very poor school privileges. He attended two half terms of Westfield grammar school in the fall of 1859 and 1860. He taught school at eighteen years of age. He enlisted at nineteen in Company B, Third regiment, Vermont volunteers, May 10, 1861, and was discharged December 10, 1862. He was in the battle of Lee's Mills, Virginia, and in several minor affairs. He taught school in the winter of 1863, and again in 1864. He was elected first lieutenant of Company H, Fifth regiment, Vermont State Militia, at its organization at Troy in December, 1864, and made captain July 1, 1865, which position he held until the disbanding of the organization.

Mr. Chamberlin worked at the carpenter and joiner's trade for a few years, and was engaged in mill work, manufacturing clapboards for Stevens & Shurtleff and M. W. Shurtleff at Jay and Bolton from 1869 to 1873. He engaged in mercantile business at Jay in the early part of 1873. He built a mill for manufacturing lumber and butter tubs in the fall of 1876 and winter and spring of 1877. This involved him to such an extent that he was obliged to go through bankruptcy, which stripped him of every dollar. He manufactured the stock of logs he had got in, for the assignee, and manufactured 10,000 butter tubs. He ran the mill for the purchaser, B. F. Paine, until the beginning of 1881. He was burned out on Thanksgiving day morning, 1880, losing most of his household effects without any insurance. He soon began getting together the lumber and material for his present residence on the same site. He began land surveying in 1883 and has followed it since. In the fall of 1889 he entered into an agreement with C. P. Stevens & Co., of Richford, whereby nearly 1,000 acres of timbered land was purchased and a steam saw and dressing-mill built on the land, situated in the central part of the town of Jay, he having one-fourth interest. This business was carried on until the plant was burned in March, 1895. He now owns the tract of land and a farm of 100 acres as a result of that enterprise.

October 1, 1865, he was married to Sarah Erminia Chase, by whom he has had three children, all of whom are dead. On the same date he was commissioned postmaster of Jay, and he or his wife has held the office since, with the exception of about eight years. He represented the town in the regular legislative session of 1874, and the extra session of 1875. He has been superintendent of schools six years, lister, treasurer, and auditor several years, and is such at the present time; constable and collector several years, and a justice of the peace about thirty years. He has been elected

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HENRY P. CHAMBERLIN.

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town clerk twenty-five times, and is the present incumbent.

Mr. Chamberlin has been clerk of the Jay Baptist church since its organization in 1883. He was elected assistant judge of Orleans county in 1896, and again in 1898.

He is a member of Masonic Union lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M., since 1869, and has been master five years; a member of Cleveland chapter, No. 20, R. A. M., of Malta commandery, No. 10, K. T., and of Newport lodge of Perfection, 14°, A. A. S. R. He is a member of Bailey post, No. 67, G. A. R., and has been commander two years. He has always voted the Republican ticket.

J. E. CHASE.

CHASE, J. E., was born at Fletcher, Vermont, November 3, 1838, and located in Jay in 1849. He was married June 6, 1867, to Sarah A. Preston; one son, living at Barton. He enlisted April 25, 1861, in Company H, Second Vermont volunteers, was wounded at the first battle of Bull Run, was transferred to Company F, First United States sharpshooters, in 1863. He was in every battle of the Army of the Potomac until severely wounded on the 12th of May, 1864, at Spottsylvania, Virginia, causing the loss of a foot; was discharged August 31, 1866, having the longest war record of any volunteer from Vermont. He has held every town office in Jay time and again, except town clerk; justice of the peace for twenty years and is still at the present time, and is also superintendent of schools.

He represented the town of Jay in the general assemby of Vermont in 1880, served on general committee of military and several special committees. He received his education in the common schools and academies. He is a farmer on a very fertile farm of 200 acres at Jay village.

MACOMBER, ALBERN ASHLEY, son of William M. and Louisa (Buck) Macomber, was born in Westford, Chittenden county, March 10, 1853. In 1859 his parents moved to Johnson, in 1861 to Westfield, and in 1871 to Jay. He attended the district schools of Westford, Johnson, and the Westfield grammar school.

Mr. Macomber's paternal grandfather, David Macomber, was born at Chesterfield, Massachusetts, and together with several brothers, came in about 1808 to Westford, where William M., father of the subject of this sketch, was born June 12, 1824.

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He is still living. David married Rhoda Whitten, who was born at Cummington, Massachusetts.

Mr. Macomber's maternal grandfather, Jesse Buck, was born at Chesterfield, Massachusetts, June 10, 1801, and came to Westford, where his daughter, Louisa, mother of the subject of this sketch, was born September 17, 1829. She is still living.

ALBERN A. MACOMBER.

Albern A. Macomber has always followed farming, with the exception of one year that he clerked for J. H. Buck at Westfield. He is a splendid example of the thrifty, energetic, and up-to-date farmer. He has made a specialty of fine Jersey cows, and by application, knowledge, and a splendid physique has made his chosen work a conspicuous success.

February 2, 1886, he married Francese A., daughter of Ebenezer Richardson of Troy, by whom he had two children: Albern M., born April 1, 1887, and Arley B., born December 10, 1890. Mrs. Macomber died June 11, 1898, and June 21, 1899, Mr. Macomber took

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for his second wife, Elma E., daughter of Heman B. Miller of Johnson, Vermont.

Mr. Macomber has always taken a keen interest in public matters and has ever been foremost in all movements that would tend to advance the interests of Jay. He has frequently been called to public office by his townsmen, and has served them most acceptably as lister, auditor, superintendent of schools, selectman, and in 1890 represented Jay in the general assembly.

RESIDENCE OF ARTHUR M. WAKEMAN.

WAKEMAN, ARTHUR M., a son of Seth B. and Cynthia (Houghton) Wakeman, was born November 27, 1855, at Fairfax, Franklin county. When but three years of age he removed from Fairfax to Fairfield with his parents and in 1861 they located at Jay.

Mr. Wakeman attended the schools of Fairfield and Jay and laid the foundation in youth for both a splendid physique and a sound knowledge of men. He resides on a splendid hillside farm of 220 acres, which has 1,400 sugar trees, and keeps forty head of stock.

Mr. Wakeman is a splendid type of the thorough and progressive New England farmer. He has always followed his chosen calling with the exception of three years in Minnesota and Dakota, a part of which time he was engaged in the hotel business.

He has served Jay as a lister, school director three years, road commissioner, constable, and collector, and a number of other offices.

Mr. Wakeman was united in marriage to Edith L. Macomber of Jay. Three children have blessed their union: Mystre E., born December 15, 1881 (Mrs. John Lucier of Jay), Merton A., born March 10, 1884, Elsie V., born November 28, 1887, died July 30, 1890.

PLACE, GUY B., son of Benjamin and Phœbe (Judd) Place, was born in Canada in 1845, and came

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with his parents to Jay, Vermont, when a boy of four years. Here he attended the district schools and took up farming on the old homestead, where he has always remained. In 1863 he married Salina Barrow of Jay, and they have had their happy home blessed by six children, all of whom are living: Frank E., Guy A., who married Edith Wilkinson of Sutton, Province of Quebec,

GUY V. PLACE.

William, Ellen, who married Fred Young of Jay, Harry, and Rena.

Mr. Place has held the various town offices, and in 1902 represented Jay in the general assembly of Vermont, where he served on the canvassing and industrial committees.

LUCIER, GILBERT C. The subject of this sketch was born at Enosburg, Vermont, in 1847, a son of Charles and Ellen Lucier. Mr. Lucier received his education in the district schools of Enosburg and Jay. In 1860 Mr. Lucier came with his parents to reside at Jay, and in 1863, when but a mere lad of sixteen, he enlisted in Company F, Eleventh Vermont heavy artillery. He served two years, was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, Virginia, in 1864, and was mustered out of the service September, 1865, and returned to Jay and entered the lumber business, which he has generally followed, excepting twelve years that he was employed at Boston, Massachusetts, by the Carson Machine company.

In 1868 Mr. Lucier married Lucy King of Berkshire, Vermont. Three children have been born to them, two of whom are now living: Mabel, (Mrs. Edward Nason), and Maud.

Mr. Lucier has served Jay as chairman of school committee, chairman of selectmen six years, and in 1882 represented the town in the state legislature. In 1890 he went to Boston to reside, remaining until 1902, when he returned to Jay.

TROY.

Population, Census of 1900, 1,467.

The town of Missisquoi was incorporated October 28, 1801, and composed of two gores: the southern one of 12,000 acres chartered by the state October 30, 1792, to John Kelley, and the northern one, of 11,040 acres, chartered by the state October 27, 1792, to Samuel Avery. October 26, 1803, the name of the town was changed to Troy.

In 1796 a party of men from Peacham, headed by Capt. Moses Elkins, explored the county, and June 7, 1797, he started from Peacham, with his household goods

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and supplies in a cart, drawn by a yoke of oxen and a yoke of bulls, and one cow, driven by his nine-year-old son, Mark, and accompanied by two hired men. They were found to have located just north of North Troy and across the Canadian line. Soon a Mr. Morrill came and located on a lot and built a house a half mile east of the present North Troy village. In 1799 James Rines and a Mr. Bartlett came and settled in the town and soon after several more families came from Peacham. About 1800 Elkins moved from his Canadian farm and located at what is now North Troy, and built a saw and grist-mill.

The town was organized in March, 1802. Curtis Elkins was chosen first town clerk and that year Alpheus Moore was chosen first town representative.

During the War of 1812 a considerable amount of danger was anticipated, but none came; a fort was erected for the protection of the inhabitants in the event of an invasion. The fort consisted of a rude stockade constructed of logs on end, from twelve to fifteen feet high.

In the Civil war Troy, like all Vermont towns, did her full share in patriotism and the furnishing of both men and treasure that "this government of the people should not perish."

ANNIS, Hon. Orien S.,* only surviving child of Laurens K. and Ella (Hull) Annis, was born three miles from the village of North Troy, on the 15th day of November, 1866. While yet an infant, his parents removed with him to Westfield, in which town his uncle, Dr. A. W. Annis, practised medicine for many years. In the villages of Westfield and North Troy, located in the beautiful valley of the Missisquoi, under the shadow of the Green Mountains, Mr. Annis has spent most of his life thus far.

He was educated in the Westfield public schools, the Westfield grammar school, and by a private instructor. Though an able student in different branches of study, he excelled particularly in mathematics. He had a limited experience as clerk in the village stores. In 1888 he was superintendent of the town schools, and in 1889 he became a member of the Orleans county board of education. Though the position was unsought by him, he was appointed postmaster in 1887, holding the office until his resignation in 1889. While discharging the duties of the office, he commenced and assiduously pursued the study of the law. He resigned as postmaster in order that he might go to North Troy and enter the law office of the late Henderson C. Wilson, who for many years was a practitioner at the Orleans county bar.

In 1890, at the October term of the supreme court held in Montpelier, Mr. Annis was a candidate for admission to the Vermont bar. This was shortly after the adoption of the new rules requiring a rigid and different examination, both oral and written. He was admitted, and with honor, standing at the head of a class of thirteen successful candidates. The death of Mr. Wilson occurring just prior to this event,

* Written by Rev. Marcellus W. Farman, of Westfield, chaplain of the Vermont senate, 1902.

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Mr. Annis engaged the office, purchased the library and furnishings and commenced the successful practice of his profession. Equipped with a good knowledge of law and of human nature, and paying strict attention to business, he worked into a large and remunerative practice.

ORIEN S. ANNIS.

In 1894 he was elected state's attorney for Orleans county, and on the expiration of his term in 1896 was re-elected, thus serving four years. During his administration, there was an unusual, if not unprecedented, amount of criminal business, so far as related to grave offenses, in both county and supreme court, including convictions for murder in the first degree, manslaughter, assault with intent to kill, and attempted subornation of perjury.

When the new law for the appointment of probation officers went into effect in 1899, he was appointed probation officer for Orleans county; but not caring for the office or the nature of the work, he resigned after

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a year or so. He was elected chairman of the Orleans county Republican committee in 1898, re-elected in 1900, and again re-elected in 1902.

A few days before the Republican county convention of 1902, Mr. Annis yielded to the unexpected but urgent solicitation of friends to become a candidate for the senatorship. He received the nomination in the convention, and the election at the polls. In the Vermont senate, he served as chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, which is considered the most honorable committee position in the legislature. Also, he was a member of the senate Committee on Corporations. Of the joint standing committees, he was chairman of the one on State and Court Expenses, and was a member of the Committee on Temperance.

In 1903, he very reluctantly accepted the position of chairman of the board of trustees for the village of North Troy; but having accepted, he entered vigorously into the work of the office. There were then no permanent desirable sidewalks. The board believed the importance and resources of the place to warrant such walks, and accordingly proceeded to lay concrete sidewalks, driveways and crossings extensively, and to the great benefit and beauty of the village.

This sketch would be incomplete without referring to Mr. Annis' ability as a public speaker. Though small in stature, with black hair, black penetrating eyes and dark complexion, he possesses a keen intellect, quick wit, and vivid imagination, which, combined with easy dignity of manner, make him a graceful, eloquent, and effective speaker. Nor is his ability in this direction confined to addressing the court and jury. In the days when as a boy he debated in the village lyceum, his talent was recognized. In the halls of legislation he was the peer of any other member of the general assembly as a speaker. On public occasions he is an orator who delights those privileged to listen to his eloquent words.

He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having a membership in Union lodge, No. 16, of Troy. Though practical and methodical, Mr. Annis has also a poetical element in his nature, and a faculty for winning friends. While fond of general literature, he follows the rule never to read a book that he would not place on the shelves of his home library.

On December 10, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Ida E. Campbell, the gracious lady who now presides over his pleasant home. Three bright, attractive children are the fruit of this union: Ruth Ella, Paul Campbell, and Grace.

SEAVER, Ezra T., was born at Albany, Vermont, January 12, 1858, a son of Gilman W. and Eliza (Rowell) Seaver. When he was five years of age his parents moved to Irasburg, Vermont, and two years later to South Craftsbury. Mr. Seaver received his education in the old-fashioned district schools of Irasburg, Craftsbury, and at Craftsbury academy, and at the Montpelier seminary; when sixteen years of age he located in North Troy and entered the employ of Martin & Seaver, dealers in hardware, groceries, etc., and manufacturers of Jewett's patent milk pans. The firm built a block where the Parkhurst store now stands. Here

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they continued in business four years and then G. W. Seaver & Son succeeded in the retail business and also manufactured patent milk pans at North Troy, Vermont, Mansonville, Sherbrooke and Montreal, Province of Quebec. Ezra T., during all this time, had management of the store and did all the corresponding for the firm. A disastrous fire in 1882 destroyed their business block and storehouses, together with two buildings belonging to H. B. Parkhurst, and then Mr. Parkhurst bought the building lot and G. W. Seaver & Sons bought out George P. Hardy's general store and leased the adjoining block, then known as the Brown store.

Harley T. (see Barton) came into the firm and it was then known as G. W. Seaver & Sons. The business continued with Ezra T. manager of dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, etc., and Harley T. manager of hardware, stoves and tinware departments. This contin-

EZRA T. SEAVER.

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ued about two years, and then the firm sold out the dry goods business to the former owner, George P. Hardy, and Ezra T. bought out the hardware and stove departments. In 1884 Ezra T. bought his present residence and built the block he now occupies. His store is 30x75 feet, four floors. He also uses in his business a large storehouse near the depot, a storehouse in the rear of his store, and the second floor in the D. W. Kelley block, adjoining his store, size 40x60 feet. He also owns and occupies the store known as the Barrows store, size 40x70 feet, two floors, and storehouses in the rear, 30x50 feet. Mr. Seaver uses in his business 25,000 square feet of floor space, and it is packed with all kinds of merchandise used in a farming community. His stock consists of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, rubbers, hats and caps, furnishing goods, small wares, hardware, crockery, glass ware, groceries, flour, grain, and feed, blacksmith's supplies, builders' supplies, paints, oils, and varnishes, furniture, carpets, and probably the largest and best selected stock of general merchandise in northern Vermont.

In 1879 Mr. Seaver married Almeda A. Ewins, and two children have been born to them: Cleon W. and Clive G.

Mr. Seaver was postmaster of North Troy four years during Cleveland's first administration, and was Democratic candidate for state auditor in 1890. Has been town treasurer for a number of years, and has held various other town and corporation offices.

BUTTERFIELD, ALFRED HARVEY,* was born September 5, 1857, at Lowell, a son of the late Nathan S. and Mary (Hatch) Butterfield. He was educated in the public schools and also in the Waterbury academy. But in a person of his natural mental bent and breadth, education is to be considered not as so many books read or so many schools attended, but in that larger and grander sense of what it has brought to the mind. With a retentive memory and having read eagerly of the choicest and best, he has passed quite beyond the scope limited by the general term "well informed," and acquired many of the attributes and much of the polish of accomplished scholarship.

Mr. Butterfield comes of good old Revolutionary ancestry on both sides. He is in the eighth generation of lineal descendants from Benjamin Butterfield, a native of England, who was the first of that family name to settle in America. John Hatch, his maternal grandfather, was a lieutenant in the War of 1812. His maternal ancestry is associated with the family of Taylors to which General Zachary, the late president, belonged; and the father of his grandmother, John Taylor, was customs officer at Peacham something like 100 years ago.

He came from Burlington to North Troy, where he has ever since resided, in 1878. Soon after acquiring a thorough knowledge of the printing business, he purchased the *North Troy Palladium*, of which he has since been the proprietor. It is one of the cleanest, most whole-

*Sketch by Hon. Orlan S. Annis.

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some, and well-edited country weeklies in northern Vermont. He was deputy collector of customs from the time of his appointment under Harrison's administration in 1889 to the time of his resignation in 1893. Soon after McKinley took office in that town. At that session he served on the general committee and obtained a charter for the North Troy graded school. Two years later a splendid school building was erected under his plans and supervision. He has been town clerk,

ALFRED H. BUTTERFIELD.

his seat, Mr. Butterfield was appointed deputy collector of customs in charge of the port at North Troy, which position he has ever since held. He served Troy as its representative in the legislature in 1894, receiving the largest majority of any person ever elected to that chairman of the Republican town committee, chairman of the committee on text-books in the public schools, and clerk of the North Troy Village corporation. He also served for three years as chairman of the board of trustees. In 1898 he caused Trojan lodge, No. 20,

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Knights of Pythias, to be instituted, and was its first chancellor commander. In 1902 he was chosen grand vice-chancellor for the domain of Vermont, and in 1903 grand chancellor. In all of that work he took great interest and the order made notable progress under his administration of that office. He is affiliated with St. Augustine's Episcopal church of North Troy, and has been its secretary and treasurer.

Whatever may have been his other fortunes and successes, Mr. Butterfield has been most happy in his marital and domestic relations. In 1880 he was married to Gertrude E. Hunt of Troy, daughter of Mitchell and Henrietta Hunt, an ideal choice, as the vanished years have shown. They have five children: Alfred M., Hugh H., Ross H., Mary R., and Gertrude. The eldest and first-mentioned is now a student in the medical department of the University of Vermont, with most excellent prospects.

Mr. Butterfield is an ardent Republican and notably enthusiastic in all things making for the good of his own community. With broad but discriminating mind, a seeker after information, and having drank freely from all his available fountains of knowledge, with an ample command of English and a high degree of comparison — bordering sometimes during a social hour slightly on the critical or amusing —he is not only an able man and a worthy citizen, but a most interesting companion.

HUNT, James R. B., son of Leonard and Luthera (Clark) Hunt, was born at Troy, Vermont, October 24, 1836. When a boy his parents moved to New Hampshire, and here he attended the schools and laid the foundation, both physical and mental, for a long and useful career. At the age of seventeen years he returned to Vermont, his father having deceased six years prior. During the six following years he resided at Barnet, and when twenty-three years old he returned to his native town. He followed farming a few years; but in 1872 engaged in the business of manufacturing lumber and piano sounding boards. He retired in 1901, selling his interest in the business to Burnie M. Parker, son of his partner for the preceding sixteen years.

January 1, 1860, Mr. Hunt married Emeline L., daughter of Horace Porter, late of Troy, who always has been and now is an ideal helpmeet and a worthy contributor to his success and the happiness of his pleasant home. They have three surviving children: Ida A., Edgar L., a successful dry goods merchant at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and Kittie A., wife of Edwin F. Livingston of Watertown, Massachusetts.

Mr. Hunt is not in any sense an office-seeker, yet he has been chosen to several important official positions. He has been elected trustee for the village of North Troy, is a justice of the peace, has served seven years as chairman of the board of selectmen for the town of Troy. In 1898 he represented Troy in the legislature. Here he introduced several bills of recognized importance and some of which resulted in considerable debate in the house. He occupied a prominent position on the committee on claims, where by reason of his

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activity and sense of justice an unusually large number of disputed and long-standing claims were satisfactorily adjusted.

Mr. Hunt's predominating characteristics and qualities are energy, broad views, sound judgment, and

JAMES R. B. HUNT.

a more than ordinary capacity for doing and disposing of business. By the exercise of these he has been successful, accumulated a competence, and although as yet engaged in many of the activities of life, he retired in 1900 to pass his declining years in the community where he has lived so long and which his generous and loyal impulses have so often benefited.

WALLER, DR. C. CURTIS, was born at Irasburg, May 14, 1872, son of Henry C. and Josephine (Bogue) Waller. When a boy of seven years he met with the loss of his parents and went to live with his uncle, Denison Waller, at Georgia. Here he attended the district schools until seventeen years of age, when he entered the Vermont

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Methodist seminary at Montpelier. Here he had the usual and valuable experience of one, who by force of circumstances is obliged to work his way. He graduated from the Baltimore Medical college in 1898, and then for a year was connected with the Maryland General hospital. He then located at North Troy, where he has won an enviable practice and a splendid reputation as a surgeon of more than ordinary ability.

In June, 1901, Dr. Waller was united in marriage to Grace M., only daughter of Charles C. and Manda White. One son, David Wilkie, born June 29, 1903, has blessed this happy union.

Dr. Waller is a wide-awake, public-spirited, and generous citizen, who takes a lively interest in all matters that tend to build up his adopted town. He is popular in social circles, knows a good thing when he sees it, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternity.

C. CURTIS WALLER, M. D.

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HUNT, CHARLES P., son of Samuel P. and Martha A. (Gilpin) Hunt, was born at Troy, June 19, 1855. He received his education in the public schools of his native town.

Mr. Hunt is a conservative, yet energetic, public-spirited citizen, is a Republican of the loyal, staunch type.

Mr. Hunt has always followed farming in a progressive and thorough manner, and is regarded as one of Troy's most successful farmers.

CHARLES P. HUNT.

who has frequently been called to hold public position. He has served his town as chairman of the school board from 1895 to 1901, chairman of board of listers 1895, 1896, 1901, 1902 and 1903, road commissioner 1893, 1896, 1897, 1903, and selectman in 1904. He

July 6, 1881, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Addie A., daughter of Harley S. and Emily (Scott) Meigs of Potton, Quebec. Three unusually bright children have been born to them: Charles P., born April 19, 1882, and died December 20, 1890; Maude E., born

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April 24, 1884, and Oliver H. P., born February 8, 1894.

Samuel P. Hunt, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Monroe, Grafton county, New Hampshire, and came to Vermont in 1840, and resided in Troy nearly all of the time until his death, March 7, 1894. He was a man of sound judgment and great worth, and during his residence here he held nearly every town office.

CHESTER C. WHEELER.

WHEELER, CHESTER C., was born in Derby, March 29, 1843, son of Alden and Emeline (Carpenter) Wheeler, and a maternal grandson of Colonel Chester Carpenter (see Derby).

Mr. Wheeler was educated in the district schools of Derby, Troy, and at Troy academy. In December, 1863, he enlisted in Company D, Sixth Vermont volunteer infantry. May 5, 1864, he was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, and in July, 1865, he was discharged from the service.

February 12, 1868, he was married to Lucena P., daughter of Adams Abbott, who was among the early settlers of Troy. Five children have been born to them; one only, Fred A., survives.

Mr. Wheeler has always followed farming, with the exception of three years, when he was employed by Buck, Stevens & Co. of Richford.

He came to Troy with his father in 1854, and has served the town as lister and selectman, and in 1902 was its representative to the general assembly.

Alden Wheeler, father of Chester C., was born May 17, 1809, and was a son of Colonel Timothy and Hannah (Stoddard) Wheeler. Colonel Timothy Wheeler was born February 16, 1770, and died in June, 1854. He was a colonel in the War of 1812. His son, Alden, died May 5, 1878. Alden married Emeline, a daughter of Colonel Chester Carpenter. She was born at Derby, Vermont, April 29, 1815, and died June 12, 1891, in Troy, Vermont.

ROGERS, FRANK S., was born at Troy, December 3, 1854, a son of Dr. Clark S. and Lydia A. (Sumner) Rogers, and a maternal grandson of Samuel Sumner, a member of the Orleans county bar.

Mr. Rogers attended the public schools of Troy and fitted for college at St. Johnsbury and Derby academies. He graduated from Dartmouth in the class of 1878. He entered the law office of P. K. Gleed at Morrisville, and was admitted to the Orleans county bar in 1881, and has followed his profession in Troy ever since. He has served as town

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clerk of Troy for two years and register of probate for Orleans county one year.

In 1881 Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Alice A., daughter of Lœander Aiken. Three children have blessed their happy union: Helen F., Alice L., and Edward L.

Dr. Clark S. Rogers was born in Franklin, Franklin county, and practiced medicine in Troy. He was a hard-working physician of the old school. No distance was too great or weather too bad for him to respond to a call, regardless of the probability of remuneration. He held various offices and represented his town in the general assembly.

GRAY, Dr. Frederick Stimpson. Dr. F. S. Gray was born in Coventry, September 18, 1856, receiving his education in the common schools and at the academies at Coventry, Derby, and St. Johnsbury. For twenty terms he taught in the public schools. He graduated from Burlington Medical college June 26, 1882, and located at Westfield, August, 1882, where, by patient industry, assiduity, and his

Frederick S. Gray, M. D.

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liberal methods, he built up a large and valuable business. He went to Troy in March, 1888, where he still resides.

Frederick S. Gray, son of Hubbard and Mary (Wells) Gray, was born on the old homestead, the same farm where his grandfather bought in 1808, who came from Westmoreland, New Hampshire. Also, Hubbard Gray, his father, was born on the same farm. The farm has been in the possession of the Gray family since 1808, and came into the possession of Dr. Gray in 1901. In 1902, seeing the value of timbered land, he purchased, in the towns of Lowell, Westfield, and Troy, sixteen hundred acres. Also run for three years the steam mill at Troy with success, then was instrumental in getting Blair and DeLarm Veneer company doing business at Troy. This company is working two million feet of hardwood lumber per year, and employs from fifty to sixty hands.

Dr. Gray is a member of the State and County Medical society, also a member of Masonic Union lodge, No. 16, Troy, and Cleveland chapter, No. 20, Newport Royal Arch, and Foresters, Court Hector, No. 3662, Troy. Since the organization of the Foresters he has been court physician and treasurer. He is medical examiner of the Northwestern Mutual, New York Life, New York Mutual, Penn Mutual, and several other first-class life insurance companies.

He took a post-graduate course in McGill University Medical college, Montreal, Province of Quebec, in 1902.

February 28, 1881, he was married, and his wife died April 19, 1884, and on the 28th of March, 1888, he was united to Alice H., daughter of George W. and Anne (Adams) Aiken. In his religious views he is a Congregationalist, and in politics he has always been a Republican.

He is a cultured gentleman of strict integrity and much respected by his fellow-citizens.

PARKER, HARRY B., was born at Lowell, Vermont, April 17, 1836, son of Nathan Parker. He received his education in the district schools, and in the year 1867 he took up the mill business as his vocation. In 1880 he formed a partnership with Mr. Kenney, which continued until

HARRY B. PARKER.

1884; he then located at North Troy and, forming a partnership with James R. B. Hunt, they together purchased the so-called Currier mill. For a number of years

they did an extensive business in the manufacture of rough and dressed lumber, and in the year 1889 they added to their business

BURNIE M. PARKER.

the manufacture of piano sounding boards. The partnership continued until 1900, when his son, Burnie M., bought Mr. Hunt's interest, and the business is now conducted under the firm name of H. B. Parker & Son.

This business consists principally of the manufacture of piano sounding boards, turning out 20,000 boards annually, also manufacturing dressed lumber, butter tubs, box shooks, sash, doors, and house finish.

In 1875 Mr. Parker married Georgia Burnham of Johnson. Two children have been born to them: Burnie M. and Mabel G. Burnie M. was born July 29, 1876, at Lowell; after completing his education he followed the drug business, until in the year 1900 he returned to North Troy and purchased James R. B. Hunt's interest in the mill and entered a partnership with his father.

In October, 1900, he married Maude Louise Buggy of North Troy. One child has been born to them, Harry Burnham.

LEWIS, JOHN L.,* only son of Milo G. and Euretta (Willard) Lewis, is of English descent, and was born at Berkshire, Vermont, on the 7th day of March, 1858. He was educated at the common schools and in the academies at Westfield and St. Albans, Vermont. After completing his education he studied law with the Hon. Henderson C. Wilson, late of North Troy, and for many years a prominent practitioner at the Orleans county bar. In 1877, Mr. Lewis was admitted to the bar, and opened an office at North Troy, where he has since resided and where he continued in the practice of his profession until about the year 1889, when he withdrew largely or wholly from practice because of the many and constantly increasing cares of his large and varied lumber, mercantile, and general business enterprises.

While in practice he did an extensive and lucrative business, being engaged in many important and complicated cases aside from the general run of work coming to a successful lawyer in a litigious locality; but then as now money came with comparative slowness to the country practitioner, and the love of Mr. Lewis for the profession was overcome by his natural commercial instinct; and so he turned to the

* Sketch by Hon. Orlan S. Annis.

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more profitable pursuits where he felt that he would be more amply rewarded, and where in fact he has accumulated a competence. Had he remained in the practice of his profession his prominence and renown would have increased in the proportion to the increase of his field of experience and operation. Of this there can be no doubt; for, of magnetic presence, with a mind of natural classical tendency, a faultless command of smooth but vigorous English, broad views, and resourceful with ever ready satire or retort as the occasion may require, he was an able and accomplished advocate and is, whenever he will yield to the impulse, almost unsurpassed as a public speaker.

The friends of Mr. Lewis have often urged him to accept office, but he has never cared to do so and has therefore steadfastly declined in the main, although he has held several offices in the town and village corporation, and is now postmaster, as he has been for a number of years.

JOHN L. LEWIS.

On the 17th day of June, 1885, he was married to Miss Georgia E.

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Harrison, of the state of Georgia, a lady whose culture and refinement has given charm and cherished companionship to their domestic life.

PARKHURST, HENRY BYRON, SR., North Troy, is one of the best known business men in Orleans county. He has been in business, at the same stand, for thirty-two years, and has, by dint of hard work and just dealing, built up a large and varied business. He was born in North Troy, January 10, 1837. His

HENRY B. PARKHURST, SR.

father and mother were pioneers, and kept the first hotel, there being but three houses in town at the time. He was a veteran of the Civil war, serving three years and being honorably discharged. He served the town as postmaster during the Cleveland administration.

On March 14, 1867, he married Miss Mary E. Norris, and there have been born to them four children: Simon James, who deceased October 13, 1870; Henry B., born November 3, 1872; Elva I., born November 21, 1874; and Clara J., born July 28, 1881.

Mr. Parkhurst is a member of Union lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M., and a member of the Bailey post, G. A. R.. He has associated with him, in business, his son, Henry B. Parkhurst, Jr., and deals in groceries, meats, provisions, etc. They also handle milk and cream either at wholesale or retail, and run one of the best livery stables in the section, making a specialty of undertaking.

WESTFIELD.

Population, Census of 1900, 646.

The town was chartered to Daniel Owen and his associates by the state of Vermont, May 15, 1780; during the year it was surveyed by General James Whitelaw of Ryegate. In 1798, Jesse Olds located in town and thus became the first settler. The next year, 1799, William Hobbs, John Hartley, and Anthony Burgess came with their families.

March 29, 1802, the first town meeting was held, and Jesse Olds was elected town clerk.

There was, at this time, no gristmill nearer than Craftsbury, and in 1803 Lyman Taft of Montague, Massachusetts, was induced, by a free grant of land, to erect a mill on Taft's brook.

In the spring of 1804 Captain Medad Hitchcock came with his three sons, Thomas, Heber, and Smith, from Brimfield, Massachusetts; they settled where the village of Westfield now is. In 1806 Captain Hitchcock erected a sawmill,

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and the following year his son, Thomas, built a grist-mill near by.

In 1838, Orlando Winslow and Russell S. Page opened the first general store in town.

The War of 1812 proved a severe set back to the newly settled town, from which it did not recover for several years. When Lincoln made his call for troops Westfield nobly responded and during those dark days she sent forty-three of her sons to the defence of the flag.

The Congregational church was organized April 19, 1818, the church being erected ten years later. The Methodist society was organized February 22, 1831, and their church was erected in 1869.

AARON C. HITCHCOCK.

HITCHCOCK, AARON CHARLES, was born in Westfield, July 19, 1823, and died March, 1900. He was the seventh in descent from Luke Hitchcock, who settled in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1644, from which place his two sons, Luke and John, removed to Springfield, Massachusetts, building a log house on the present site of the old court house, which habitation was burned down when Springfield was attacked and pillaged by the Indians. The great-grandfather of Aaron was the first white settler who remained through the winter in Brimfield, Massachusetts, and was one of the original proprietors of that town, from whence Captain Medad Hitchcock removed to Westfield in 1805, and there built the first grist and sawmill and the first frame barn, the latter serving for a church and schoolhouse for a time.

The Hitchcock family have always been prominent in Westfield and no member more so than Aaron C. Hitchcock, whose education was received in the public schools. His father died when he was seventeen years old and on him devolved much responsibility, ably borne, as the eldest of a family of six.

Mr. Hitchcock devoted his life mainly to agricultural pursuits and was a pioneer in fruit growing in this section and, as a farmer and business man, he was eminently successful.

He was married March 12, 1849, to Calista S., daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Rowell) Jenkins of Kirby, who is a direct descendant of the famous Hannah Dustin. They had three children: Charles S. (deceased), Edward A. (deceased), and Emma C. (Mrs. Hiram O. Miller).

Since the foundation of the Republican party Mr. Hitchcock was a sturdy adherent of the same, and, while in no sense a politician, he was often called on to serve his

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town. In 1860 and 1861 he was fitly chosen to represent Westfield in the state legislature, and at the special session in April, 1861. He was a trustee of the Westfield grammar school from its incorporation and for thirty-five years was its treasurer and prudential committee.

At the age of twenty-five he became an active member of the Congregational church, to which he was a most liberal contributor and supporter, always active in Sunday-school work and taking much interest in home and foreign missions. His success in the course of a long and active career was the result of his personal energy, common sense, and natural good judgment. His last public benefaction was the erection of the "Hitchcock Museum and Westfield Town Library building," which will be a lasting monument to his memory, his generosity, and interest in his town.

HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.

HITCHCOCK, HOMER B., was born in Westeld, Vermont, September 26, 1871, son of Deacon M. C. Hitchcock. He received his education at the common schools and Westfield grammar school, and took a business course at Bryant & Stratton's college. Was clerk for W. H. Williams & Brothers at Providence, Rhode Island, for nearly three years, then returned to Westfield in January, 1897, and went into the mercantile business, in which he has met with success. His experience in that business for the last ten years has given him a knowledge of the public wants and

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how to please. He is now town clerk of Westfield.

At the age of nineteen years he united with the Congregational

HOMER B. HITCHCOCK.

church in Westfield, and has since been an active worker in church matters, a member of the Christian Endeavor society, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for ten years. He is a very promising business man and ljked by all.

FARMAN, REV. MARCELLUS WINSLOW, a son of Ashley and Harriet N. Farman, was born July 29, 1865, attended the schools of his town and entered the State Normal school at Johnson when he was fifteen. His eyesight began soon to fail and later he was compelled to use other people's eyes.

He entered the University of Vermont and remained there three years, employing a reader and gaining, in his studies, excellent marks, and securing not only the respect but the friendship of the professors and of President Buckham.

In 1890 he appeared on the lecture platform for the first time, giving a spirited address before the Burlington Y. M. C. A. Since that time he has lectured in many towns and cities and received many sincere words of praise from such men as former Senator Edmunds, President Buckham, and many others also well known.

During the past several years he has been reading theology as well as lecturing, and in 1901 he was ordained as a clergyman in the Orthodox Congregational church, since which time he has filled many a

REV. MARCELLUS W. FARMAN.

pulpit as supply; among these engagements being that at the Boylston Congregational church, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, and

the Egleston Square Methodist church. He has not cared to take a parish, not feeling equal to the numerous responsibilities of one, but his work as a preacher is chiefly in supplying pulpits, and his ability in conducting the entire services, even to the scripture readings, is remarkable. In the fall of 1902, when the Vermont senate met, and a new chaplain was to be elected, his name was brought forward, and he was elected unanimously.

Mr. Farman resides at Westfield and from this peaceful spot he goes out to lecture and to preach, and to it returns to take up again his quiet readings and pursue the steady, uninterrupted train of thought which has been such a factor in his development.

WOODWORTH, DON CLARENCE, was born in Enosburg, April 1, 1864, the son of Luther S. and Rebecca (Christian) Woodworth. His father located in Westfield, when Don C. was fourteen years old, on a farm of 300 acres, keeping forty head of cattle. When he became of age he went in company with his father farming. They bought the sawmill at Westfield village with water-power, and they added steam power, also purchased 1,100 acres of timber land and have handled 1,000,000 feet of lumber yearly, making bobbins and butter boxes, also have a grist-mill attached, giving employment to twenty men. In 1901 they erected a fine residence in Westfield village, where they now live. Don C. Woodworth has held the office of selectman, school director, and others.

He was married September 7, 1892, to Blanche J. Houston of Troy. He has one son, Lyle S., eight years old.

The business was managed successfully and increased from year to year until they sold the property to A. W. Woodworth. Since then D. C. Woodworth has taken charge of the business as agent and manager.

DON C. WOODWORTH.

WAKEFIELD, WILLIAM WALLACE, of Westfield, son of Alvah and Hannah (Kimpton) Wakefield, was born in Lowell, June 27, 1844. He received his early education in the Lowell public schools, and during his third term at Johnson academy was one of several students who enlisted in Company M, Eleventh Vermont volunteers, in September, 1863. He remained with his command till the close of the war, receiving his discharge October 4, 1865; was engaged in all the

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battles from the Wilderness to Petersburg, including Spottsylvania, North Anna River, and Cold Harbor, also Weldon Railroad, Washington or Fort Stevens, and Gilbert's Ford. After his return he engaged in farming at Lowell till

WILLIAM W. WAKEFIELD.

1875, when he became interested in the lumber business at Eden, Vermont, where he remained two years. He then located in Westfield and formed a partnership under the firm name of Hoyt & Wakefield to engage in the same line of business.

His sterling qualities, both as a citizen and as a business man, have called him to many official positions, among which may be enumerated those of selectman, lister, constable, auditor, superintendent of schools, and school director. In 1884 he was appointed deputy sheriff, which position he now holds. In 1892 he was elected high bailiff of Orleans county and the same year was sent as town representative from Westfield to Montpelier, where he served creditably on several general and special committees. In the past few years he

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has been appointed administrator of twelve estates.

He has for a long time been a member of Masonic Union lodge, No. 16, of Troy, and served three years as master, and twenty-four years since passed through the Royal Arch, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, and has taken a prominent part in Hazen post, G. A. R., and was for three years its commander.

He has always been a strong Republican and an active member in the party.

February 11, 1866, he married Ruth E., daughter of Daniel E. and Amanda M. Newton of Lowell. Of their five children four survive: Emma, Florence, Helen, and Maud.

YOUNG, Dr. William A., was born at Fredericksburgh, Ontario, February 22, 1869, a son of Henry and Harriet Young.

William A. Young, M. D.

William A. Young received his education in the public schools, and at Newburgh academy. For several years he was a successful teacher and here laid the foundation for a splendid understanding of human

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nature which has been of material aid in his chosen profession. He took up the study of medicine at Queen's university, Kingston, Ontario, and graduated in 1892. He served as house surgeon at the Kingston General Hospital in 1893-'94, and here added much practical knowledge and experience to the technical studies of his college course. Dr. Young then located at Westfield, Vermont, where he has since followed his profession, winning a high standing as both a physician and citizen. "Public-spirited, enthusiastic for all things that will benefit his town, ever ready to respond to social, charitable, or professional calls," is the language of a prominent townsman in speaking of the subject of our sketch.

December 31, 1900, Dr. Young was united in marriage to Ruth, daughter of O. P. Wright of Westfield. One child, a daughter, has been born to them, Marion T.

BRYANT, CHRISTOPHER W., of Westfield, was born in Bolton, Province of Quebec, February 12, 1834, and located in Westfield in 1867. Since that time he has taken a deep interest in everything that would be for the advancement and benefit of the town, has creditably filled the office of selectman, lister, road commissioner, town grand juror, and all other town offices. In 1894 he represented the town of Westfield in the general assembly and served on general committee of highways.

For the last ten years he has been a director of Hyde Park National bank of Lamoille county, and for seven years trustee of Barton Savings Bank and Trust company. One son, W. W. Bryant, is now a farmer in Westfield.

Christopher W. Bryant is a farmer and dealer in live stock. He has always been a strong Republican and an active worker in the

CHRISTOPHER W. BRYANT.

party. He was married March 2, 1857, to Orett, daughter of Safford Farman.

LOWELL.

Population, Census of 1900, 982.

March 5, 1787, the town of Lowell was granted and chartered by Governor Chittenden to John Kelley of New York. The original name of the town was Kelleyville. November 1, 1831, the name was changed to Lowell.

Major William Caldwell from Massachusetts commenced improvements on his land in 1803, and from this dates the first settlement of the town. In the spring of 1807 John Harding came to town drawing his family—with the assistance

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of four others—on three handsleds.

The town was organized March 31, 1812, Abel Curtis being the first town clerk. Captain Asahel Curtis was the first representative of the town, and Abel Curtis became the first postmaster in 1819, and held the office for twenty years.

The first birth was a son to John Harding. Asahel Curtis built the first grist-mill, and Abel Curtis built the first frame house, which stood until 1814, when Mr. Curtis tore it down. The Methodists and Congregationalists built the first church in 1842.

During the war of 1812 a fort was erected near the present Congregational church. For the Civil war Lowell furnished sixty men.

KINSLEY, RUFUS, son of Ben A. and Catherine (Montague) Kinsley, was born in Fletcher, October 9, 1831. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812 two years, serving under Wade Hampton, and was wounded at the battle of La Cole Mill, Canada.

Rufus Kinsley enlisted in Company F, Eighth Vermont Volunteer infantry, November 29, 1861, served as corporal (most of the time under detached service) until 1863. He was one of sixty sharpshooters of the Eighth Vermont who undertook the hazardous enterprise of capturing rifle-pits, occupied by about two hundred rebels, in response to a call of General Weitzel, thereby saving the Union fleet of five gunboats, resulting in a signal Union victory. This on the river Teche, Louisiana, January 14, 1863. He was commissioned second lieutenant in October, 1863, by Major-General Nathaniel P. Banks, commanding Department of the Gulf, and assigned to command of Company B, Second regiment Infantry Corps, d'Afrique serving until June, 1864, when upon consolidation of the colored regiments he was assigned to Company G, Seventy-fourth United States Colored troops. He was in command of this company during the siege and bombardment of Fort Morgan, Mobile bay, August, 1864. Resigned July 18, 1865, on surgeon's certificate of disability.

Soon after the surrender of New Orleans, being a printer by trade, he was detached by order of General Butler and ordered to inventory confiscated printing material, after which he served (as quartermaster) for contrabands. Among other

RUFUS KINSLEY.

work for them he printed his own school material and gave hundreds of them the rudiments of an education in the *face of Section 28* of the

statutes of Louisiana, which, prior to the war, made such teaching a crime "punishable by twenty years imprisonment, or *death*, at the discretion of the court."

He located at Lowell in 1872, on a farm, one half mile from village, of two hundred seventy-five acres; has been and still is an active worker in Hazen post, No. 74, G. A. R.

He was married, April 10, 1872, to Ella Bingham of Fletcher. He has seven children: Clayton B., Benton A., Amy L., Lester M., LeRoy T., F. Guy, and Chellis A.

NEWTON, H. H., son of Daniel E. and Amanda M. (Drury) Newton, was born in Grafton, Massachusetts, December 15, 1839. He

H. H. Newton.

came, with his parents, to Lowell, Vermont, at the age of sixteen. He received his education in the common schools. He enlisted October 19, 1861, in Company A, Eighth Vermont Volunteer infantry, promoted to sergeant 1863, reenlisted in the same regiment 1864 as a veteran, was commissioned second lieutenant 1864, Company A, Eighth Vermont Volunteer infantry. Participated in all the battles of his regiment as follows: New Orleans, Boutte Station, Bayou Des Allemands, Steamer Cotton, Port Hudson May 27, 1863, Port Hudson June 10, 1863, Opequon, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Newton. At Cedar Creek, October 21, 1864, while on detached service, he received a broken leg, by the fall of his horse. He was discharged in July, 1865, at the close of the war.

On his return from the war he engaged in farming until 1875 in Lowell, then located in Eden, Lamoille county, and engaged in the lumber business. While in Eden he served as selectman, lister, school committee, represented Eden in the legislature in 1888, serving on the committee of state prison. In 1889 he moved back to Lowell, where he now resides. In Lowell he has held the offices of selectman, lister, eight years; school director, first constable, deputy sheriff for past twelve years of Orleans county, has been justice of the peace for twenty-one years, and was appointed agent of Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company of Montpelier in 1900.

He has two sons: George H. Newton, M. D., of Cambridge, Vermont, and Frank S. Newton of Lynn, Massachusetts. He has always been a Republican and an active worker in the party. He has for a long time been a member of

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the Masonic order and twenty-six years since passed through the Royal Arch, and is a prominent member of the Grand Army.

CURTIS, WILLIAM ERNEST, son of Don B. and Rhoda (Harding) Curtis, was born in Lowell, October 9, 1850. He received his education in the common schools of Lowell. He was postmaster sixteen years. He went into mercantile business in Lowell in 1874, and he also manufactured butter tubs for several years, employing a large amount of help in the factory. He was always a Republican and took a deep interest in the welfare of the party. Such a man would naturally and properly be sought for public office. Accordingly we find him acceptably filling the positions of selectman, lister, school director, treasurer.

WILLIAM E. CURTIS.

He was elected representative to the legislature in 1886. His energy, ability, and force were recognized and he was elected county senator in 1896 from Orleans county, where he creditably served on several general and special committees. He was a member of the

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M. E. church and was instrumental in building the church at Lowell.

He was married December 5, 1875, to Ella C. Watson. He died March 23, 1900, aged forty-nine years. He had one son, George E., born February 21, 1877, who took

IRVIN STEVENSON.

his father's place in the store and tub factory, also as postmaster.

William E. Curtis' grandfather Harding's family was the second one which settled in Lowell in 1809.

STEPHENSON, IRVIN, was born in Lowell, Vermont, April 5, 1855, son of Irvin and Eliza M. (Fletcher) Stephenson. Was educated in the common schools of Lowell and Kimball Union academy, Meriden, New Hampshire, and then graduated from business college, New Haven, Connecticut. He was a farmer's son, his father being one of the successful farmers of Lowell, and a thorough business man. He commenced teaching school winters at the age of eighteen and continued this for ten years.

He entered the mercantile business in Lowell in 1885, and still continues in this line, in which he

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has met with success. His experience has given him a knowledge of the public wants and how to please. He has served as postmaster, selectman, school director, justice of the peace, town treasurer for eleven years and is at the present time, and for four years has been, town clerk, is trustee of public money, trustee of Barton Savings Bank and Trust company, administrator of several estates.

Mr. Stephenson is a member of the Congregational church and an active worker, having been deacon for the past ten years, and he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for the past six years.

He married Mary L. Smith of Chatham, New York, November 13, 1889. He has four children: Louise A., Sanford J., Marion E., Robert L.

He is an active, energetic, and efficient man of business; shrewd, intelligent, and honorable in all his transactions.

GLOVER.*

Population, Census of 1900, 891.

Glover is six miles square and contains 23,040 acres. It was granted to and named for General John Glover, one of Washington's trusted generals, and his sixty-two associates, with five public reserves, in a charter dated November 20, 1783. Barton, Passumpsic, Lamoille, and Black rivers drain its surface. One of the "great divides" in the state is found in the southeastern part of the town, where the drainage to the first three rivers may be traced. There were six ponds in town: Glover, Mud, Stone, Daniels, Sweeney, and Parker. The bed of Glover pond is now known as "Runaway pond." June 6, 1810, a large number of men went to the north end of the pond to dig a ditch so its waters, which discharged into the Lamoille river, would flow into the Barton to supply more water for the grist-mill owned by Aaron Wilson on that stream. After digging through the gravelly crust the party struck a bank of quicksand, which was quickly cut out as the water entered the ditch, and the pond was soon drained. The supply of water was all the mill ever needed, as the flood carried away every vestige of it and no part of it has ever been found. Spencer Chamberlin outstripped the torrent in its mad race northward and was able to give the timely warning to the miller's wife, who was left in charge of the mill while her husband was at the pond, and to the few others on the route.

The town was first settled by James Vance, in 1798, locating a little east of the present West Glover village. He was followed by Ralph Parker, the same year, who settled near the pond that bears his name. The first town-meeting was held at his house, March 25, 1802. He was the first representative from this town, serving in the legislature from 1802 to 1814. Samuel Cook came the next year and was the first to hold county office from this town, being elected assistant judge, 1815-'20. Those who have held that office since from this town are Charles Hardy, John Boardman, Solomon Dwinell, James Simonds, Emery Cook, C. P. Owen, and William F. Clark. E. B. Simonds and Dr. Wil-

* Sketch of town prepared by Hon. William F. Clark.

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bur F. Templeton have served as county senators.

In the War of 1812 this town furnished sixteen volunteers. In the Civil war ninety-four are credited to the town. Of these nineteen were killed in battle or died of disease or wounds. In this sacrifice are numbered two young and brave officers, Major Carlos Dwinell and Captain Dan Mason.

By courtesy of Vermont, 1903.

APPROACH TO RUNAWAY POND.

The first Congregational society was organized July 12, 1817. The Methodist Episcopal society was organized as a part of the Craftsbury circuit in 1818 and as a separate charge in 1861. The Universalist society was organized in 1833. A church was built at Glover in 1830. This was a union church. Later this became the Universalist church and the other two built houses of their own. A church was built in the west part of the town in 1832.

Orleans Liberal institute was incorporated in 1852. Under the able supervision of Isaac Parker and George W. Todd, this school reached its zenith as one of the leading schools in this part of the state. Its alumni number many who have been prominent in state and national affairs. One was chief magistrate of this state, one was eighteen years in congress, one was a general in the Civil war, and many others have been prominent in state legislatures, on the bench, and in the professions.

WELLS, BERT U., was born in Danville, March 6, 1867, son of George D. and Emma F. (Wood-

ward) Wells. His maternal grandfather was Dr. Calvin Woodward of Danville.

Mr. Wells attended the schools of his native town, and at eighteen years of age completed his education, and when twenty-one went to Newport. He entered the em-

BERT U. WELLS.

ploy of A. A. Earle on the *Express and Standard*. While learning his trade on that paper, Theophilus Grout became its owner. There is perhaps no place where a boy or young man gets more hard and beneficial knocks than in a country printing office, where he gets every phase of the printing and publishing business from "devil" to managing editor. The experience of Mr. Wells during his two years of apprenticeship did not vary materially from that of others, but his keen grasp of the labors of his chosen field amply fitted him for a successful business and journalistic career. Being a man of great energy and untiring zeal, he naturally commanded success, when in 1890 he went to Lyndonville and purchased of H. B. Davis the Lyndonville *Journal*. For two years Mr. Wells was in partnership with W. B. Bul-

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lock; after that he became the sole proprietor, and for ten years the *Journal* was a commanding figure in the field of Vermont journalism, bright, clean, and snappy. Under his careful but energetic proprietorship its circulation had increased from 400, under Mr. Davis, to 3500 when he sold out to E. O. Leonard, February, 1902. Twice was Mr. Wells burned out while he owned the *Journal*, but not an issue of the paper failed to reach its subscribers.

In April, 1902, Mr. Wells bought out the general store of R. E. French of Glover, and in September, 1903, Wylie S. Willard, his brother-in-law, entered the business. The business has grown from a small country general store until to-day it is the leading mercantile house of the town.

June 5, 1900, Mr. Wells married Mae L., daughter of Dr. George W. Colby (see Sutton). They have one child, Harold Colby, born August 7, 1901.

Mr. Wells is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Red Men, and a member of the Lyndon Social club.

WILLARD, WYLIE S., a son of Paul and Orpha (Jillson) Willard (see Sheffield), was born at Sheffield October 8, 1879. He attended the public schools of his native town and graduated from Lyndon Commercial college in 1899.

He married June 15, 1901, Maude Glenn, daughter of Dr. George W. and Emily (Kincaid) Colby (see Sutton). They have one child, a daughter, Cecile Mae.

November 23, 1901, Mr. Willard bought a splendid farm in Sutton and remained there until September 1, 1903, when he bought a half interest in the Bert U. Wells general store at Glover, the business being conducted under the firm name of Wells & Willard.

WYLIE S. WILLARD.

Mr. Willard is the embodiment of integrity, good judgment, and business energy, and during his short business career in Glover has won a marked degree of public confidence and favor.

CLARK, SIMEON N., was born in Glover on November 5, 1842. His father, Cephas C. Clark, was born in Rutland, September 30, 1809, and came to Glover with his parents in 1816. His mother, Hannah D. (King) Clark, was born in Gilmanton, New Hampshire, June 13, 1814. His home has always been on the farm where he was born and now resides, near the center of the town.

His education was secured in the common schools and at the Orleans Liberal institute. He taught school

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in various places in Orleans, Franklin, and Caledonia counties.

November 11, 1871, he was married to Eunice A. Aldrich, daughter of Noble and Emily S. Aldrich of Glover. Four children came to gladden their home, two girls and two boys. Mr. Clark has served his town as selectman, town grand juror, auditor of town accounts, superintendent of schools, and school director. He represented his town in the legislature in 1900. He has been one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, and also a local preacher of the same.

SIMEON N. CLARK.

COOK, LEONE R., of Yarmouthville, Maine, a son of Emery and Calista (Reckard) Cook, was born at Craftsbury, Vermont, September 25, 1853. When four years old he went with his parents to live at Glover, which has always been regarded as his boyhood home. He attended the district schools until fifteen years of age, and then went to work on a farm for a year, at the end of which time he went to Barton and entered the academy, where he remained for a year. He then entered the drug store of Myron W. Joslyn, but six months later the store passed into the hands of a new proprietor. Mr. Cook then went to Island Pond and entered the employ of George S. Robinson, then and for many years Essex county's leading druggist. Here Mr. Cook remained for six years, a part of the time working for N. E. Bonney, and at twenty-four went to Mechanic Falls, Maine, but six months later he bought the drug business of George E. Thoits at Yarmouthville, Maine. Here he has remained ever since, and has not only built up a splendid patronage, but won both public confidence and esteem. Always active, energetic, and desirous to serve any worthy cause, he united with the First Baptist church, and for many years has been the efficient superintendent of its Sunday-school. For more than twenty years he has served Yarmouth as town clerk, two years as first selectman, town treasurer, and a member of the board of health. In 1893 he represented the class towns of Yarmouth and North Yarmouth in the Maine legislature, and in 1903 was appointed by Governor Hill trial justice for Cumberland county.

September 8, 1878, he was united in marriage to Clara J., daughter of Joseph Andrew (see Brighton, Essex county) and Lucinda Jenkins, a descendant of Lemuel Jenkins, a

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LEONE R. COOF.

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soldier of the Revolution (see Jenkins family in Kirby, Caledonia county). By this happy union, two children have been born; one died in infancy, and Edith, born July 30, 1881, died July 16, 1900.

Mr. Cook has always taken a deep interest in fraternal work, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and the various Masonic organizations.

WILBUR F. TEMPLETON, M. D.

TEMPLETON, DR. WILBUR FISK, was born in Tilton, New Hampshire, February 9, 1836, a son of James and Adaline D. (West) Templeton. Dr. James Templeton, father of the subject of this sketch, was born at Montpelier, Vermont, and located in New Hampshire, but in 1843 returned to his native town.

Dr. Wilbur F. Templeton attended the schools of Montpelier, and graduated from the Eclectic Medical college of the city of New York. He located a few years at Barre. In 1862 he entered the

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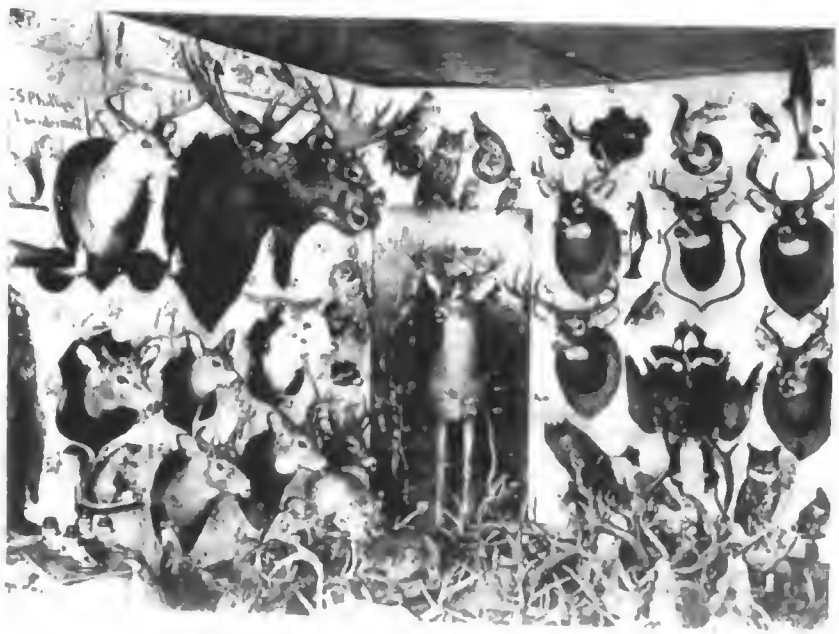
army as a contract surgeon for two and a half years. In 1864 Dr. Templeton located in Glover, and remained for more than twenty years and in 1887 moved to Manchester, New Hampshire, where he remained till 1901, when, on account of poor health, he returned to Glover. While in Manchester he was for a number of years president of the New Hampshire State Eclectic Medical society. He has served as president of the New England Eclectic Medical association.

He served several years as member of New Hampshire state board of medical examiners, and only resigned when he relocated in Vermont.

In 1876, 1878, 1880 Dr. Templeton represented Glover in the general assembly of Vermont, and in 1882 was a senator for Orleans county.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth A., daughter of Harry Richardson of Barre.

PHILLIPS, CHESTER S., a son of Josiah B. Phillips, was born in Glover, on April 12, 1854. His education was obtained in the schools of Glover. He worked on the farm until the age of twenty-three, when he went to Cornish, New Hampshire, and learned the gunsmith's trade. In 1879 he returned to Glover, and later bought an interest in the furniture and undertaking business of J. E. Dwinell, the business being carried on under the firm name of Dwinell & Phillips until 1887, when he became the sole proprietor.



A CORNER IN C. S. PHILLIPS' STUDIO.

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Mr. Phillips is a taxidermist second to none, having for the past twenty-four years given this art branch of his work the careful study of both the artist and naturalist. The work of Mr. Phillips in this line is of a peculiarly high quality owing to the method employed. Mr. Phillips makes the forms for heads and all large game entirely of wood, mostly of cedar. The process enables him to get the desired shape

MOOSE.

Set up by *Phillips.*

and makes them very durable. The large amount of work he is receiving from all over New England proves that this method is very satisfactory.

His rooms are well stocked with unusually fine specimens, and only have to be seen to be appreciated. Many of the noted men of the country are among Mr. Phillips' patrons, which is a most eloquent tribute to his ability, taste, and love of taxidermy as one of the fine arts.

In October, 1884, he was married to May Randall of Glover, Vermont. Mrs. Phillips died September, 1885, and in 1887 he married Isora Gates of East St. Johnsbury. One child, a son, has blessed this union, George B.

COLBURNE, IRA, JR., late of Glover, was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire, October 13, 1808. His father, Ira Colburne, was born in 1784, in Tunbridge, Vermont. He married Mary Mason, of Providence, Rhode Island. The family comes of a lustrous ancestry, famous in the annals of Revolutionary times.

Asa Colburne, the grandfather, was a Revolutionary soldier, born in Tunbridge in 1740. He was a pensioner of the Revolutionary war, and participated at the festivities of the famous "Boston Tea Party."

Samuel Colburne, brother of Ira Colburne, Sr., was a college classmate of Daniel Webster, both receiving pecuniary assistance of William Wood, an uncle of Samuel Colburne, enabling them to pursue their studies. Another brother, famous in the educational world, was the author of "Colburne's arithmetic."

The parents of Ira Colburne, Jr., moved to Glover in 1812. His early education was obtained at the Orleans Liberal institute, of that town, and Brownington academy, one year being spent in the study of law at Irasburg. He gained a good education, and became a successful public school teacher.

For his first wife he married Celena Cisco, on October 6, 1830, five children resulting from this

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marriage: Amanda, Celena, Eliza, Ellen and Henry.

On September 13, 1843, he married Mary, daughter of Rev. Thomas and Ruth (Lord) Ward of Westfield. The children of this union were: Mary, Lovila, Mahala, Evangeline, Emma, Lydia, and Clara.

IRA COLBURNE.

Ira Colburne was a great reader of history and the Bible, and kept himself well posted on current events. He took special interest in matters of education and gave his children the best of schooling, and in his advanced age was able to greatly assist his grandchildren in their school work. He had an exceedingly strong will; with his opinion of the right in view he never wavered; at the same time he was a most considerate husband and father. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist, and for many years was a member of that church.

He had one son, two sons-in-law and two brothers in the War of the Rebellion.

His were family interests rather

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than a public life. From a farm of almost a forest he supported his family in comfort and had enough laid by to supply the necessities of his old age.

DOW, DR. NELSON LUCIUS, a son of Luther C. and Lovinia (Dewey) Dow, was born at Albany, Vermont, June 8, 1861. He received his education in the public schools and at Craftsbury and St. Johnsbury academies. He then taught school for three years and laid a solid foundation for his life-work, by a splendid study of human nature. Mr. Dow then took up the study of medicine, attending lectures for three years at the University of Vermont and the Hahnemann Medical college of Chicago, Illinois, and graduated at the latter college with the degree of M. D. in February, 1887.

NELSON L. DOW, M. D.

Dr. Dow located for a few months at Irasburg, and in the fall of 1887 established himself at Sheffield, where he remained for five and one half years, meeting with good success in both the treatment of disease and public favor.

In May, 1893, Dr. Dow sought

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for a wider field of usefulness and located in Glover, where he has established a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Vermont State Homœopathic Medical society, and examining surgeon on the United States pension board at Newport, Vermont, and was secretary of that board for four years. He is medical examiner for all of the leading life insurance companies, and is regarded by the profession as a man of character and skill in his chosen life-work.

Dr. Dow married, December 31, 1889, Lilla B., daughter of Ira T. Pierce of Albany. They have one child, Grace, born April 4, 1897.

WILLIAM F. CLARK.

CLARK, HON. WILLIAM FREDERICK, was born in Glover January 7, 1849.

His father was Frederick P. A. Clark, son of Cephas Clark, a soldier in the War of 1812, and Deborah (Wilbur) Clark, a descendant of Samuel Wilbur, who came from England to Boston in 1633 and subsequently followed Roger Williams in his banishment and became one of the founders of Rhode Island.

His mother's maiden name was Eliza J. King, whose great-grandfather served in the Revolution and was killed in battle.

Mr. Clark attended Orleans Liberal institute several terms and nearly completed a seminary and college preparatory course of study in Montpelier seminary.

He has held the offices of lister, superintendent of schools, justice of the peace, and census enumerator in 1890. He represented his town in the 1896 legislature, and in the special session of 1898 he presented the leading bill providing for the Spanish war. He is now one of the assistant judges of the Orleans county court.

He is senior steward in the Methodist church. He is a member of Orleans lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M.; Keystone chapter, No. 16; Malta commandery, No. 10, and Mount Sinai temple, Mystic Shrine.

Judge Clark married Elizabeth Marston in 1871. She was a daughter of Deacon Charles Marston and a niece of General Gilman Marston, whose ancestry date back to the followers of William the Conqueror, 1066, who were allotted the manor of Marston Moor for valiant services under him.

The children of Judge and Mrs. William F. Clark are Charles Frederick, a graduate of the University of Vermont, 1897; Arthur William, now in the senior class in the same college; Eliza Emeline, and James Gilman.

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IRASBURG.

Population, Census of 1900, 939.

February 23, 1781, the state of Vermont granted to Ira Allen and his sixty-nine associates the town of Irasburg.

The first settlement was by Caleb Leach in 1798. The town was organized in March, 1803. Caleb Leach became the first representative, at the freeman's meeting in 1804.

Ralph Parker built the first saw and grist-mill in 1803.

In 1789 Ira Allen received conveyances from all the original proprietors and thus became the sole owner of the town, excepting the "public rights."

When Jerusha, eldest daughter of General Roger Enos, engaged herself to General Allen, the father required the usual marriage settlement, and Allen deeded to her the town of Irasburg.

In 1792 General James Whitelaw was employed to survey the township and completed his task in 1793.

Ira H. Allen came to the town in 1814 and remained until his death in 1866. The lands belonged to his mother and at her decease, in 1838, came to him as the sole heir.

He took a leading part in the affairs of the town, was clerk two years, selectman six years, representative ten terms, served the county one year as probate judge, five years in the state council, one year as council of censors and in 1842 was appointed aide on the governor's staff.

Irasburg furnished 104 men for the Civil war.

THE M. E. CHURCH, Irasburg, Vermont. The earliest record we find of this church is in 1828, in connection with the Irasburg cir-

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IRASBURG.

cuit, which included Irasburg, Barton, Glover, Brownington, Derby, Holland, Morgan, Coventry, Charleston, and Newport. The circuit preachers this year were H. S. Ramsdell and William Peek. There were ninety-six members and probationers in Irasburg that year. Since 1828 separate charges have been formed in most of the towns mentioned. Land for a church building was bought in 1835, and thereon a church erected. Later on a vestry was added to the building. Land for a parsonage was bought in 1841. That land and parsonage were disposed of and the present parsonage bought in 1872.

At the present time there are

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one hundred and twenty members and probationers in the church.

The following named preachers have served this church since 1870 in the order in which they are named: John McDonald, H. F. Forest, S. B. Currier, A. H. Webb, A. B. Blake, A. C. Smith, I. P. Chase, W. C. Johnson, A. G. Austin, P. N. Granger, and J. E. Knapp.

HOLDRIDGE, FREDERICK H., son of Reuben G. and Hannah (Skiff) Holdridge, was born in Charlotte, March 22, 1841. His father died when Frederick was twelve years old and as he was the eldest of a family of six children he early learned to pay his way and assist his mother in the support of the family. He worked out on farms

FREDERICK H. HOLDRIDGE.

and attended school winters, as opportunity offered.

In the autumn of 1861 he enlisted in the First Vermont cavalry and participated in most of the seventy-two battles and engagements which that noted regiment inscribed on its banners. He reënlisted, was wounded at Hanover Court House, was taken prisoner, but soon paroled and was honorably discharged with his regiment at the close of the war.

Soon after he went to Irasburg as a clerk, and later engaged in trade there seven years, filling the position of postmaster nearly six years. Later he was appointed deputy sheriff and served the county several terms as high sheriff. He has held various town offices and is the present member of the legislature from Irasburg.

During the past twenty-one years Mr. Holdridge has been mail clerk on the Boston & Maine railroad.

Mr. Holdridge married Sophia W. Worthington of Irasburg and they have one daughter, Mattie B.

He is a member of Morning Sun lodge, No. 5, F. and A. M., of Bridport and of John A. Woodward post, G. A. R., of Irasburg. As a useful and upright citizen, a patriot in war and peace, Mr. Holdridge is universally well known and esteemed.

GRANT, CAPTAIN EBEN, was born in Saco, Maine, on February 20, 1829. His father was Ebenezer Grant. He married Miss Dana Cilley; both parents were of Scotch descent. Eben, our subject, came to Irasburg when twenty-two years of age. He gained his education in the common schools of his native town, and learned the machinist's trade, at which he worked for several years in Lowell, Massachusetts, previous to his marriage to Adeline Wells, in 1849. Miss Wells was

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born in Walden, Vermont, in 1830. Soon after marriage he settled in Irasburg on a tract of 162 acres, which he cleared and made one of

EBEN GRANT.

the best farms in this county. Captain Grant resided on this farm during the remainder of his life, with the exception of his service in the late Civil war of three and one half years. When the War of the Rebellion broke out Captain Grant dropped his sickle and gladly took up his gun in the cause of the Union. He entered the army as a private and won promotion through the various grades and was mustered out as captain of his company.

Captain Grant was the father of eleven children, five of whom are now living. Three of these children are residents of Manchester, New Hampshire, and two, Fred J. and Archie E., are esteemed citizens of Irasburg.

TYLER, MRS. MARY ELIZA HAYNES, was born in Westford January 12, 1836, died at Brattleboro, December 2, 1900, second daughter of the distinguished Dr. Thomas Haynes of Westford. She was an unusual woman in many respects. The Rev. E. P. Treat, in her funeral sermon, said: "Her mind was strong as few, perhaps no others in this community were. Such a mind as hers is not the gift of God alone, but rather the result of long, hard training, leading to wise development. It was possible for her to have such a remarkable memory, to be such an unusual student, to have such an understanding of things past and present, only, because she used her mind and made it by long years of training a mind far greater than that which God gave her.

"She was not only kind and generous to the unfortunate, but to the maltreated animals, to birds, and also in her great love for flowers, with which she strewed the pathway of those about her.

"In all respects Mrs. Tyler was a true woman. No one could think evil of her, because she was so faithful and true in all relations of her life. For forty-four years she made her home a true home, in which she reigned as only such a woman can.

"She was always active in the churches with which she associated, both of which felt the influence of her work."

Mrs. Tyler was united in marriage September 1, 1855, with William Dexter Tyler, well known as a lawyer in the public life of northern Vermont, a man who fully appreciated the spiritual qualities of his beloved companion.

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Mr. Tyler was born at Essex, March 17, 1824, a son of Daniel and Permelia (Farrand) Tyler. His education was obtained in his native town. In 1854 he commenced the study of law and was admitted to the Franklin county bar in 1864. In 1865 he located at Irasburg, and was made register and served until December of that year. During this time his brother, Judge Milton R. Tyler, being absent, he performed his duties to the complete satisfaction of all. He then opened an office at Irasburg and has been in constant practice since. As a lawyer, Mr. Tyler has excellent judgment and a good knowledge of the law. In 1868 he was elected town clerk and has held the office ever since. He represented the town in the general assembly in 1874-'75, and it was largely due to his untiring efforts that the bill to remove the shire of Orleans county from Irasburg was defeated.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM D. TYLER.

WHEELER, HON. CHARLES WILLARD, was born in Enosburg, Franklin county, Vermont, April 13, 1839. He is of Scotch extraction, although his parents were born in this country. On his maternal side he is a direct descendant from the famous Clan McFarlan, in Scotland, whose Highland chiefs maintained their hereditary possessions by their strong bows and battle brands, against both foreign and domestic foes, for more than six hundred years. Recently there has been published a very interesting genealogical history of this hardy race of McFarlans, which shows them, by many a daring adventure and fierce combat, in their ancestral home, to have been a brave people,

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staunch patriots, and renowned for their martial spirit, and that their descendants in this country contributed much, both toward the achievement of our national independence and the suppression of the late rebellion.

Mr. Wheeler's paternal grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier who bore the scars of British lead to his grave.

Willard Wheeler, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, August 21, 1800. Both parents died when he was at the age of twelve years. In early life, desiring to make a start for himself, he migrated to St. Albans from which he soon moved to Enosburg, where he engaged chiefly in blacksmithing, being known as one of the best mechanics in the state. He was about the only man of those times who could weld iron and steel together. He manufactured carpenters' and edged tools. Besides this line of work, he gave attention to farming, speculation in cattle, his credit being as good as the Bank of England. He was identified with religious and philanthropic work and an active supporter of all that pertained to the public good.

Charles Willard Wheeler, our subject, obtained his education in the common schools of his native town. He first engaged in the mercantile pursuit at St. Albans. This early training laid the foundation for a successful business career.

At the call of the president for troops he enlisted, August 5, 1862, and became a member of Company I, Tenth Vermont regiment, hoping, as he said, "if he proved worthy, that he might carry a gun." Very soon after the regiment was organized, Private Wheeler's abilities were recognized and he was constantly detailed at brigade and division headquarters, and engaged in important and responsible duties, in the making of descriptive lists and muster rolls, the correctness of which must subsequently affect the interests of so many of the soldiery. February 4, 1863, he was detailed in an adjutant-general's office, and after five months was transferred to commissary department of the Third division, Third Army corps, where he continued until April 1864, at which time he was only relieved from this duty by his own strenuous request, after repeated inducements had been proffered to remain—such as gaining a discharge from the service and employment as a citizen, with large remuneration.

Soon after the resuming of duty with his original organization, he was unexpectedly selected to go to Vermont on recruiting service, which would give him a well deserved change, among the friends of his home, but he put in a vigorous protest, requesting that he be allowed to remain at the front, until the object for which he had enlisted was gained. A soldier of his own selection was detailed, who spent a year in Vermont, recruiting men to fill the fast depleting ranks of the regimental organizations in the field.

Then followed rapid promotions, he being appointed sergeant, July 1, 1864; first sergeant, July 4; second lieutenant, August 9; first lieutenant, Company H, February 9, 1864; regimental quartermaster, May 12 following. While a line of-

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ficer, Lieutenant Wheeler was repeatedly detailed on courts martial, where his opinion was highly appreciated. His knowledge of muster rolls, and the conditions that would have bearing upon the sentences given, made him an authority in matters of this kind.

After General Grant took command until the close of the war he took part in nearly all of the battles in which the regiment was engaged; and although subjected to the strenuous service performed by the Sixth Army corps, where the casualties were great, he seemed to have a charmed life, and was only kept from active service by wounds received at the battle of Cedar Creek.

CHARLES W. WHEELER.

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In politics, Mr. Wheeler has been identified with the Republican party since its formation, and has been honored with many official positions at Irasburg, where he located soon after the war. He represented his town in 1886, and was elected to the senate in 1890.

March 3, 1875, and Lucy Helen, born September 25, 1886.

Mr. Wheeler's church affiliations are with the Congregational church, of which he is an active member and generous contributor.

SEARS, FREDERICK M., was born in Irasburg, Vermont, December

FREDERICK M. SEARS.

June 7, 1871, he married Louise E. Nichols, daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Dow) Nichols of Enosburg. Three children have been born to them: George Edward, born February 10, 1873, who died September 23, 1881; Mary Louise, born

12, 1864. He is the son of Ansel J. and Mary A. Sears. He received his early education in the public schools of Irasburg, and has grown up from boyhood in the town, where his business interests are now established. For some

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years he was the efficient and trusted clerk of Mr. Charles W. Wheeler, now his competitor in business. In the year 1901 he formed a partnership with Mr. George W. Russell, under the firm name of Sears & Russell, and is well known throughout this section for business integrity and sagacity. This enterprising firm carries a general line of conntry merchandise, and handles eggs, butter, etc.

Mr. Sears is, in politics, strongly Republican. He has been honored by his townspeople to election to several important offices. He represented the town in the legislature of 1898, when he acceptably served on the general committee. He has held the office of selectman for his town for the past ten years. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his town, county, and state.

In 1892 Mr. Sears married Miss Ina E Drew of Irasburg and there have been born from this union six children.

SOMERS, HOMER HENRY, was born at Huntington, Vermont, January 1, 1847. His father, Henry Somers, was born at Starksboro; his mother, Betsey Sales, was born in the same place. The family removed to Irasburg, March 2, 1854.

Mr. Somers married Clara V. Wiggin March 27, 1873. Mrs. Clara V. (Wiggin) Somers was born in Barton, October 25, 1851. She is the daughter of the late William P. and Louise (Dean) Wiggin. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Somers: George, on April 3, 1876, Rollin, July 22, 1877, both now deceased; Helen B., May 23, 1879; Henry E., November 30, 1880; C. Belle, August 8, 1884, and Florence L., born March 14, 1890. Henry E. has just graduated in medicine at the Vermont university, and located in practice at Irasburg, where he is building up a well-deserved practice. Helen B. is now at college at Burlington and will graduate in 1904.

Mr. Somers, in politics, has always been a staunch Republican. He has been honored with several important offices of his native town,

HOMER H. SOMERS.

representing the town in 1888. Mr. Somers is a Mason, having joined Central lodge, No. 62, some thirty-five years since, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Somers has held the honored position of president of the Orleans County Fair association for the past fifteen years. Mr. Somers and family are attendants at the Congregational church.

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COVENTRY.

Population, Census of 1900, 728.

The town was chartered November 4, 1780, to Major Elias Buel and his fifty-nine associates, and named in honor of his birthplace. A strip of land bordering on Lake Memphremagog, being 108 rods wide on the lake and two miles four rods long, and known as Coventry Leg, was in 1816 annexed to Newport.

November 3, 1841, the name of the town was changed to Orleans, but the people soon tired of the new name and November 1, 1843, it was changed back to Coventry.

In September, 1799, Samuel Cobb and his son, Tisdale, visited the town and built a log cabin, making the first settlement. In 1801 Samuel Smith of Brownington came and erected a sawmill.

All the settlers prior to 1803 were in the strictest sense of the term, "squatters," having no deeds, but taking possession wherever it pleased. Deeds were executed to them in 1803.

The town was organized March 31, 1803. Joseph Marsh was chosen clerk. That fall Mr. Marsh was chosen the first representative of the town.

A daughter was born to Tisdale Cobb July 28, 1801, which was the first birth. Her original name was Harriet Fitch Cobb, bestowed on account of a promise of Jabez G. Fitch to give a lot to the first-born child; this promise was not kept, and her name was changed to Betsey.

CLEVELAND, Hon. Henry C., of Coventry, Orleans county, has inherited in marked degree the fine managerial and financial capabilities of his father, Hon. Elijah Cleveland, who was one of the most enterprising men of his day. Elijah Cleveland was born in Hanover, New Hampshire, June 29, 1795. He came to Coventry about 1824, and was for more than a half century afterwards the most enterprising man the village contained. A shoemaker by trade, the year after his coming he purchased from Calvin and Daniel Harmon a small stock of goods, and upon this small foundation he built a large mercantile business, in which he continued for many years. In 1825 he also built an ashery, and began the making of pearlash, then the most important article of manufacture in that region. In 1827 he built the first grist-mill, in 1829-'30 the Congregational church, and in 1837 a starch factory, which was at the time an enterprise of vast importance. He had thus demonstrated his useful activity in the establishment of industrial concerns which were of advantage to the entire community, and these led him into the conception of larger plans, in which he became the acknowledged leader. About the time his starch factory was well in operation, the necessity for a road between Coventry and Newport became apparent, and Mr. Cleveland took the contract for its making, a distance of six miles through an unbroken wilderness. It was an arduous undertaking, but the work was completed in an excellent manner, and Coventry had taken another forward step. Mr. Cleveland was now prepared for the most important undertaking with which he was associated, the Passumpsic railroad. When its build-

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Henry C. Cleveland

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ing was first broached he enlisted heartily in the project and made a liberal contribution to the beginning of the work at White River Junction. He was made one of the managers of the company, and was its secretary from 1845 until the time of his death, when, of all the original managers, only one, E. Raymond, survived him. He had lived to see the road firmly established, the country through which it ran developed and enriched, and his personal fortune added to. And yet more, his colleagues were free to accord to him the large share of praise, affirming that the success which attended the Passumpsic railroad was due in a large degree to his sound judgment, his financial aid in time of extremity, and his constant and indefatigable efforts. Though interested in other enterprises, this was the special object of his attention, and he guarded and fostered it at every turn and in every extremity.

It was said of Mr. Cleveland, by those who knew him most intimately through association with him in large affairs, that he was a man of unusual excellence of judgment. He was a man of few words, but he possessed the faculty of presenting his views with clearness and conciseness, and yet with an earnestness and persistence born of honest conviction. His opinions were formed after careful thought and as full investigation as possible, and his conclusions were uniformly sound, commanding confidence and insuring the active coöperation of those about him.

Sagacious in all business affairs, constantly moved by a lofty sense of public spirit, and the soul of integrity in all his relations with his fellows, Mr. Cleveland was frequently called to positions of honor and trust. In 1827, two years after his coming to Coventry he was chosen town clerk and treasurer, and he served in that twofold capacity for seven years. He became a selectman in 1836, and served again in the same capacity in 1856. From 1834 to 1836 he was assistant judge of the county court. In 1839 he was elected to represent the town in the legislature, and was returned to that body for two years following, and again in 1846. He was a member of the state constitutional convention in 1857. In 1856 and 1857 he was a state senator. In all these various stations he served with great usefulness to his constituency, and with high credit to himself. In his later years he was somewhat weakened by the infirmities of age, and his great affliction was a partial loss of sight. He was necessarily less active in the public gaze, but he maintained, almost until his death, an advisory association with the interests which had principally engaged his attention during his phenomenally long and active career. The death of Mr. Cleveland, which occurred July 18, 1883, aged 88 years and fifteen days, deeply affected the entire community, by whom he was held in affectionate esteem for his nobility of character and usefulness of life. He was three times married, and he left two children by his second marriage, Henry C. and Charles B., the latter of whom resides at Newport.

Henry C. Cleveland, elder son of Elijah Cleveland, was born October

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15, 1843, in Coventry, in the house in which he has ever since resided. He began his studies in the district schools, and pursued advanced courses in the academies in Craftsbury and St. Johnsbury. With ample preparation, in an educational way, he early entered upon business association with his father, whose characteristics and capabilities he inherited. From the beginning young Cleveland was his father's confidential and trusted assistant in all of his various undertakings, and the relation between them was peculiarly intimate, remindful rather of that of brothers than of father and son, and was maintained until the death of the parent, whom the son eventually succeeded in various important positions. Upon the death of the senior Cleveland, Mr. Henry C. Cleveland was elected to succeed him in the secretaryship of the Passumpsic Railroad company, in which capacity he yet continues to serve. His capabilities as a sagacious financier had long before found appreciative recognition, and he entered upon his duties with such entire familiarity that the conduct of the business gave no evidence of a change of management. Mr. Cleveland also became a director of the National bank of Newport, another position for which he was peculiarly well qualified, not only by his fine business qualities, but by his intimate knowledge of the financial world and of the community and neighborhood. He also became interested in the various other enterprises which had claimed the attention of his father, and in which he had already borne an important part. Mr. Cleveland has also been conspicuously useful in many important public positions to which he has been called by the people, and to the duties of which he brought the same sagacity and integrity which characterized him in his personal dealings. He has served as town treasurer and selectman, and in other local offices. In 1888 he represented Coventry in the assembly, and in 1890 he was elected to the senate from Orleans county. In 1901 he was elected associate judge for Orleans county for a four years' term. While thus busied with official duties in various corporations and under the municipal and state governments, Mr. Cleveland has never lost his keen delight in rural pursuits. The owner of a spendidly improved farm of two hundred and fifty acres, its management is his constant care, making a specialty of breeding Devonshire cattle. He is a member of the Congregational society, and his political affiliations have always been with the Republican party. Since arriving at the age of manhood he has been a member of Memphremagog lodge, F. & A. M. He was formerly a member of the Frontier Guard, Vermont militia.

Mr. Cleveland was twice married. His first wife was Miss Rosetta Daley of Coventry, who bore him two children. He subsequently married Miss Mary J. Greenwood of Lowell, Vermont, and of this marriage were born three children, of whom is now living a son, Walter Cleveland.

SCOTT BROTHERS of Coventry. This young and enterprising firm is composed of the two brothers, Wilber F. and Walter A. Scott. The firm has been doing business but six months, but in that short time has

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remodeled and thoroughly refitted the old Cleveland store, where they have a well-assorted stock of general merchandise and groceries. Aside from this line the firm is the largest dealers in grain and feed in Coventry, having a lease of the grist-mill, where they do custom grinding.

The father of Scott Brothers was born in Cabot, and is now fifty-seven years of age. Mr. Scott was a soldier of the late war, enlisting when he was seventeen, and now lives in Albany, where he is a respected citizen and farmer. The two brothers are the only children born. Walter has until recently held the office of road commissioner, but declined to serve the present year. They are attendants with their families upon the Congregational church.

SCOTT BROTHERS' STORE.

KIDDER, JOSEPH SOUTHER, son of Joseph and Sarah (Souther) Kidder, was born at Irasburg, October 20, 1810. His early education, such as it was, was in the common schools of his native town, and he may be said to be a self-made man of the sturdy New England type. When twenty-one years of age he sought his fortune in Massachusetts, where he engaged principally in marketing; returning to Coventry in the year 1843, where he has since resided, his occupation being that of the lumber business, and more recently that of farming. In the year 1903 he rented his farm and now resides with his only daughter in the village.

In March, 1836, Mr. Kidder married at Salem, Massachusetts, Rebecca Nourse, a descendant of Governor Endicott of Massachu-

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setts. She was born at Littleton, New Hampshire, February 10, 1812, and died at Saugus, Massachusetts, in 1865. He is a

JOSEPH S. KIDDER.

prominent man in the town, has held many offices of public honor and trust. He represented the town in the legislature in 1870, and was a lister from 1870 to 1880; was state justice from 1870 to 1900; and overseer from 1870 until the year 1900, when he resigned.

On October 20 last, Mr. Kidder held his ninety-third birthday, there being ninety-three persons present from different towns in the county. He received many congratulatory letters, beautiful flowers, and a valued cane from distant friends who could not be present.

Mr. Kidder's only daughter, Miss Ann Rebecca Kidder, now lives with and cares for him with tender solicitude. The family have for many years attended the Congregational church.

PEARSON, SAMUEL HOWE, was born in Albany, Vermont, December 13, 1842. His father, Deacon Moses Carlton Pearson, was born at Canaan, New Hampshire, March 26, 1808, and was of English descent, the family record running back to Deacon John Pearson of Yorkshire, England, A. D. 1615. His wife, Eliza (Cowles) Pearson, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, March 24, 1804. She came to Vermont when two years of age, her father being one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Marshfield. A few years later the family moved to Greensboro, where, in 1816, she

SAMUEL H. PEARSON.

became a member of the first Sunday-school established in the state, the school being held in a barn. She was of Welsh extraction.

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Samuel Howe Pearson was first married to Sarah C. Gray, by whom he had four children, all of whom are now living, the sons being successful business men, associated with the Goodnough syndicate of New Hampshire, operating nine stores, those at Gardner, Massachusetts, Bellows Falls and Brattleboro, Vermont, being partly owned and managed by the three sons respectively, the daughter residing at Keene and occupying the position of bookkeeper for the syndicate.

On November 8, 1894, Mr. Pearson married his second wife, Minnie L. Williams, and to them has been born one child, a daughter, Ruth Ida, now eight years of age. Mrs. Pearson is well known in W. C. T. U. circles in this county, having been for twelve years secretary, and for the last three years president of that organization.

Mr. Pearson moved to Coventry in December, 1858, and has been a constant resident of the town since that time. His education was obtained in the common schools and in the Coventry academy. He has been a hard-working and successful farmer until about four years since, when the home farm was rented, and Mr. Pearson retired from active farm work. Mr. Pearson has been honored by election to nearly all the offices in the gift of his town, and also by representing it in the legislature of 1900.

Mr. Pearson has been a radical temperance advocate and strongly supported the old prohibitory law, and will be remembered as one of the aggressive temperance men of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson are both earnest workers in the Congregational church, of which they are members, Mr. Pearson being a deacon, and Mrs. Pearson serving as clerk and treasurer of the church.

BROOKS, CLARENCE JOHN, was born in Coventry, August 30, 1878. His father, William Childs Brooks, was a native of this town, a successful farmer, now engaged on the farm of Hon. H. C. Cleveland, where he has been employed for thirty years past.

On November 14, 1877, Mr. Brooks married Jennie Ema Cole of Charleston, four children having

CLARENCE J. BROOKS.

been born, of which Clarence J., the subject of this sketch, is the oldest. Two others are now living.

Mr. Brooks is engaged in the mercantile business and carries one of the largest assortments of general merchandise in town, including groceries. He has been in business for himself only about two years and has already won a well merited share of patronage.

On September 2, 1897, Mr. Brooks married Josephine Maude Ware of Irasburg, one child, Myrtle Josephene, having blessed the

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union. Mr. Brooks and family attend the Congregational church.

BADGER, FREEMONT DAYTON, M. D., was born September 9, 1856, at Derby, Vermont. His grandfather, Aaron Badger, was one of the early settlers of Salem-Derby. Orange S., father of Dr. Badger, was a well-known mechanic and painter at Derby, where he died July 3, 1903. He married Ruth M. Adams, daughter of Hon. L. P. Adams of

FREEMONT D. BADGER, M. D.

Derby, a man who attained considerable distinction, and traces his genealogy directly back to John Quincy Adams, prominent in the annals of Massachusetts and the nation. The mother was a sister of Dr. C. G. Adams, well known in Island Pond and Portland, Maine.

The subject of this sketch, Dr. Freemont D. Badger, was one of seven children, all of whom are now living. He obtained his education in the public schools and Derby academy, of his native town, teaching school to pay his way. He entered the University of Vermont in the year 1881, receiving the degree of doctor of medicine in 1883. After graduating, he practised medicine in East Charleston two years, then moving to Coventry, where he has had a constant and increasing practice since. In 1894 Dr. Badger, desiring to keep pace with the marvelous changes taking place in medicine, matriculated in the Post-graduate Medical school and hospital, New York city, from which he graduated. Wishing to be certain of his proficiency in his chosen profession he went to Massachusetts and successfully took the rigorous examination before the state board of registration in medicine in 1898.

Dr. Badger is not an office seeker, but has accepted the superintendency of the town schools for nearly ten years. He is a member of Central lodge, F. & A. M., No. 76, of Irasburg.

December 12, 1883, Dr. Badger married Mary Isabella Harvey of Canada. There have been born to them two children, Morris Leone and Freda M., aged eighteen and thirteen years, respectively. Dr. and Mrs. Badger are active members of the Congregational church.

NEWPORT.

Population, Census of 1900, 3,113.

The early history of Newport contains few features of exceptional interest to the general reader. Its pioneers, though not sharing in the stirring incidents of Indian or Revolutionary warfare, met enough of the trials and privations of fron-

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tier life to test their courage and fortitude. The town was remote from the earlier centers of business and education, and possessed only the natural advantages of soil and situation, consequently the settlement of the town was comparatively slow, and its influence unimportant until the advent of the Passumpsic railroad in 1863 made available the enormous timber resources of this section.

Lake Memphremagog, the most prominent natural feature of the town, has from the earliest times been utilized by savage as well as by civilized man. It furnished the most direct route to the St. Francis and other Canadian tribes in their hunting and predatory excursions to southern New England.

From the St. Lawrence they came up the St. Francis and Magog rivers in their canoes, through the lake and up Clyde river to Island Pond, thence down the Nulhegan to the point where it joins the Connecticut at North Stratford, a distance of thirty-seven miles.

The earliest settlements in town were made on or near the shores of the lake, which was the highway of communication with the southern settlements, as well as a source of food when other supplies were exhausted.

The first settler of Newport was Deacon Martin Adams, also one of the first settlers of St. Johnsbury. He came from that town in 1793, and built the first house on the western shore of the lake. He was soon joined by others, so that in 1800 there were eleven families in town.

The first town officers were: James C. Adams, moderator; Amos Sawyer, town clerk; Enos Bartlett, James C. Adams, Amos Sawyer, selectmen; Luther Chapin, constable and collector.

At the same meeting it was voted to raise $5.00 "for the use of schooling." In 1801 and 1802 $10 was raised for the support of a school, facts which afford presumptive evidence that there was a school of some sort kept before the schoolhouse was built. In the year 1800 there were but sixty acres of cleared land in town.

School district No. 1 was organized November 17, 1807. The first schoolhouse was built of "hewed timber, six inches thick, thirty-two feet long, eighteen feet wide," and the sum appropriated for it was $40, to be paid in labor, boards, shingles, nails, glass, etc. These few simple facts show the first earnest efforts of these self-denying pioneers to secure the rudiments of education for their children.

Although the first settlement was made in 1793, the formal charter was not granted until September, 1803, by Governor Isaac Tichenor.

The town was called Duncansboro until the fall of 1816, when the name was changed to Newport. At about the same time a part of Coventry called Coventry Leg, extending from Coventry proper to the lake, was annexed, also that part of Salem which lay on the west side of the lake, on which is now situated Newport village. February 17, 1820, Micah and Lewis Lyman of Troy, New York, sold to John Sias of West Derby all of the land on which the village of Newport now stands, for $250. The land was then heavily timbered. There was then no road or bridge

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at this point of land. Mr. Sias owned a sawmill on the north bank of Clyde river.

The first child born here was John S. Smith.

The first lake bridge was built in 1832, jointly by the towns of Newport and Derby, and a second and better one was built in 1838.

In 1858 there were only eighteen tenements and 127 inhabitants in the village, then called Lake Bridge, and two of the buildings were log houses. There were no churches nor schoolhouses.

There was then but one street, now called Main street, and in the fall of 1858 this street was changed to straighten and improve it and the same year a road was opened along the shore of South bay, at the foot of Prospect hill. Then First street, now Coventry street, was laid out. There were at this time two general stores and the manufacture of lime was a local industry.

Captain Fogg launched a little steamer called the "Mountain Maid," making regular trips up the lake, and tourists began to appreciate and enjoy the superb scenery. Later the "Lady of the Lake," and quite a fleet of small craft, were launched, and for nearly forty years Captain Fogg was rear admiral of the Memphremagog fleet.

GENERAL VIEW OF NEWPORT, VERMONT.

Forty-two years ago the frogs sang their dismal summer evening requiem in a swamp, where the passenger depot now receives its fifteen daily trains.

The extension of the Passumpsic railroad to this point in 1863 gave a tremendous impetus to the

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growth of the village, by making available the magnificent timber resources of the region round about the lake and its tributaries. The advent of the Southeastern railroad, now the Canadian Pacific, in 1875, gave a good competing line to Boston, and a direct through route to the distributing centers of the great Northwest.

The location here of the handsome and sightly court house twenty years ago was an epoch in the history of Newport.

The system of electric lights was supplied in 1891 by C. A. Prouty, and the water supply and hydrant system was installed in 1895.

A splendid new custom house, federal building and post-office has just been completed.

Newport is the nucleus of half a dozen great manufacturing enterprises. It is the terminal of a great transcontinental railroad, and the rendezvous of extensive summer travel. Excepting only the city of Barre, Newport has made the largest proportionate gain of any town in the state during the past quarter of a century. Lake Memphremagog, with its emerald isles, its winding and wooded shores, its silver bosom furrowed by the keels of passing steamers and white-winged sail-boats, forms the foreground of a wonderful scenic picture; its banks are flanked by fine homesteads and maple groves along the lake road, while off to the north the gently undulating outline of hill and mountain, the purple domes of Owl's Head, Elephantus, and Orford give a perfect setting and perspective to this landscape of rarest beauty.

GOODRICH FREE LIBRARY. There is no institution in this town which stands higher in the esteem of the people than the Goodrich Memorial library. In 1884 a subscription library was started, which was merged in a town library in 1896. Mr. Converse G. Goodrich, a long time citizen of the town, cherished the purpose for a good while of devoting his fortune to the establishment of a library. Mature consideration determined him, however, to begin it while still living, that it might be the embodiment of his own idea. To this end he purchased the sightly and central lot on Main street now occupied by the library building and provided the material for the construction of it, a large amount of which was deposited upon the lot in the fall of 1896. In the spring of 1897 he died, but had left his affairs in such a shape that the trustees of his appointment, Mr. Elisha Lane, C. N. Brady, and C. A. Prouty, were able to carry forward the plans as he had outlined them. The result is the handsome building. The interior is a model of convenience, light and airy. In addition to the room containing the book stacks, where there are accommodations for 30,000 volumes, there is a fine reading room, furnished with current literature and reference books; a conversation room, frequented by local literary organizations; an art room, and a fair-sized lecture room. These, with the directors' and librarian's room, are all heated by steam and lighted with electricity.

The present equipment of the library consists of 7,130 volumes, selected from all departments of lit-

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ZOPHAR M. MANSUR.

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erature, making it a most helpful adjunct to the Newport academy. The circulation for 1903 was 22,954, showing that it has a generous patronage and is steadily on the increase. It has a well invested endowment fund of over $32,000, and receives an annual appropriation from the town in addition to its endowment income. Miss Lizzie Sargent has been librarian since the building was opened in the fall of 1898, and her experience has been an invaluable aid to the library patrons.

GOODRICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, NEWPORT, VERMONT.

MANSUR, ZOPHAR M., son of Warren and Jane A. (Morse) Mansur, was born at Morgan, November 23, 1843. Colonel Mansur is of staunch New England stock. His earliest American ancestor was Robert Mansur, a citizen of Charlestown, Massachusetts, as early as 1678. William Mansur, his great-grandfather, was a pioneer settler on the Souhegan river in New Hampshire in 1762, a minute man of the Revolution, who fought gallantly at Lexington, Ticonderoga, and Bennington. Zophar M. was the ninth of a family of twelve children. He was reared amid simple, clean, and rural conditions, of which he ever made the best possible use as stepping stones to higher planes of effort.

He was educated in the common schools and at the Derby academy, taught school in 1861 at the age of eighteen, enlisted in company K, Tenth Vermont, in 1862, participated in the battles of the campaign

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of 1864, from the Wilderness to Opequon creek, September 19, where he lost his right arm, and was discharged in 1865.

He attended Derby academy during the fall of 1865, taught school in Derby the winter of 1866, settled in Island Pond the following spring and was appointed postmaster of that village in February, 1867, and held the office several years; meanwhile he studied law with Hon. George N. Dale and was admitted to practice in March term, 1875, of the Essex county court.

He was elected to the legislature in 1886, served on important committees and was state's attorney of Essex county from 1886 to 1888.

Elected senator from Essex county in 1888, he was a member of the judiciary committee and chairman of the committee on military affairs.

He was elected president of Vermont Officers' Reunion society in 1889 and also in 1898; elected president Sons of American Revolution in 1894 and was lieutenant-governor from 1894 to 1896; he was deputy collector of customs at Island Pond for four years under Collector Benedict. He is one of the trustees of the Methodist seminary at Montpelier, and trustee of Vermont Soldiers' home at Bennington. He is now president of the National bank of Derby Line and since October, 1897, has been collector of customs for the district of Memphremagog.

One who was most capable of judging and who knew him best, makes the following estimate of Colonel Mansur: "Alertness and persistency are his leading traits. As a lawyer he was enterprising, bold, inquisitive and effective. In church, society, business, politics, education, and in every conceivable way, he has been actively engaged, and always with positive partisan confidence, followed by success. A man before whom neither chance or accident have thrust any fortunate condition, who has wooed success with all of the ardor and zest of a life burning with energy and enthusiasm, and won it by devoted and watchful achievement."

Colonel Mansur was married August 16, 1868, to Ellen L. Newhall of Norway, Maine, and they are parents of two children. Mabel S. Mansur is the wife of Carl R. Storrs, deputy collector of customs at Newport. Arthur G. Mansur is a jeweler residing and doing business at Burlington, Vermont.

YOUNG, JOHN,* an accomplished lawyer and the recognized leader of the Orleans county bar, was born at Stanstead, Province Quebec, March 31, 1839. He is of American descent. His progenitors were for many and successive generations residents of Whitehall, New York. They were patriotic and zealous defenders of their country, and were richly endowed with the manliness and womanliness of the hardy, self-sacrificing, pioneer type. In 1801 his grandfather moved to the "Magog Country," then the El Dorado of promise to the hardy and determined who sought in a new country ownership and independence, located in the township of Stanstead, became prominently identified with

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the memorable twenty-five who laid the foundations of, and became honorably identified with, the rising fortunes of that incipient commonwealth and municipality, and was an important and influential factor in that work. His parents, Alexander and Mary (Drew) Young, were born in Stanstead and resided there during the course of their lives. That home was one of culture and refinement. The boy was studious and a great reader of books, and one can well suppose that his reading was of that character that enkindled ambition and awakened within him a spirit of emulation. All the circumstances were in his favor and he had the wisdom to seize upon all and appropriate all to his advancement. The boy and youth was hard at work in those plastic years storing his mind and memory with the learning of the common schools, the academy, the college, and with literature and historic lore. He had great capacity for work, and his life thus far has shown no idle hours. His preparation at the academy was so

JOHN YOUNG.

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full that he entered college one year in advance of the usual course of study, and he graduated at Wesleyan university with high honors in 1860, at the age of twenty-one. His life-work had been chosen and at the conclusion of his preparatory work Mr. Young entered upon the study of law in the office of John L. Edwards, Esquire, at Derby, Vermont, the only interruption to which was the efficient performance of the duties incident to the position of principal of Derby academy for two years. He was admitted to practice at the June term, 1862, of the Orleans county court. In the language of his preceptor, "His great powers of endurance and ripe scholarship enabled him to make rapid progress in his chosen profession * * * and he came to the bar admirably fitted for the discharge of its arduous duties." He commenced practice at South Troy in July, 1862. His means were scanty, but his work went manfully on, and, though clients were at first few, he vigorously pursued his studies and became solidly entrenched in a mastery of the great principles of the common law and soon became known as a dangerous antagonist. In 1867 he removed to Derby Line. His clientage increased and with that his reputation and his success became an accomplished fact. In 1881 he became a member of the firm of Edwards, Dickerman & Young at Newport. Upon the retirement of Mr. Edwards from practice, he became associated with J. E. Dickerman under the firm name of Dickerman & Young. The co-partnerships of Edwards, Dickerman & Young and Dickerman & Young commanded an extensive and lucrative practice in the counties of Orleans, Caledonia, Essex and Franklin and in the United States courts, and represented an aggregation of legal ability unequaled in the history of the Orleans county bar. Upon the dissolution of the firm of Dickerman & Young, which occurred November 15, 1895, he continued in practice alone until February, 1899, when his son, George B. Young, became associated with him under the firm name of Young & Young. He is now one, and not the least, among the stalwart leaders of the state bar. What Mr. Young is at this time is the direct and logical result of great natural endowments coupled with a life of great study and intense loyalty to the dreams of boyhood and youth, and the claims of his chosen profession. All through the successive and manifold activities of a busy and strenuous life the predominant sense of duty and responsibility has animated and solemnized the whole. The faculty of reason was broad and strong; it seized and firmly held the sensible and practical relations of all subjects submitted to it. His persistency and force of will was equal to his capacity for intense labor and his loyalty to every cause in which he enlisted was and is unquestioned.

Mr. Young's success as a lawyer, however well assured and satisfying, is not in any sense phenomenal in character, but rather the sure product of inherited qualities, a capacious mind and memory, an acquired scholarship of brilliancy, an indomitable will and pertinacity of purpose, faithful performance of

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duty and an exhaustive examination and preparation of fact and law appertaining to the cause in hand; all the fruit of persevering industry and assiduous toil.

Endowed with a mind comprehensive and acute, he is well qualified to grapple with and analyze all questions arising upon the trial of a contested cause, and his arguments upon all questions of law are logical and profound, or exquisitely refined and subtle, as the exigencies of the occasion may seem to require.

His life has been essentially that of a lawyer and his best remembrance is that of the atmosphere and encounters of the courts, yet he has been called upon to act in other and important matters. He has held various offices and to the performance of the duties of each and all he has brought the same untiring zeal, industry, and fertility of resources as have distinguished his forensic career. In 1894 he was a member of the Vermont house of representatives and occupied a position of commanding influence and was appointed one of the editors in the revision of the statutes and, in 1898, was further honored as a member of the Vermont senate. He has performed the duties pertaining to the position of United States commissioner since the spring of 1898.

As a citizen he is alert, active, and influential in all that promotes and secures the best interests of his town, county, and state.

He was married to Augusta A. Young in 1866, by which marriage there was one son, George B., who is associated with his father in the practice of the law.

PARKER, SAMUEL W., the oldest resident of Newport village, was born in Westminster, Vermont, December 27, 1820. In 1834 he came with his father to this county, which has since been his home.

At twenty-five years of age he went to South Port, Wisconsin, and worked three years learning the trade of making pipe and reed or-

SAMUEL W. PARKER.

gans. For many years after 1848 he tuned and sold pianos and organs in this section. After he was eighty years old he made a pipe organ, a matter of comment in musical circles.

Commencing life poor, he has become one of Newport's most substantial and wealthy citizens. In 1896 he placed in the belfry of the court house a thousand dollar clock

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as a Christmas gift, known as the Parker clock.

In 1848 Mr. Parker married Harriett E. Field of Bakersfield, Vermont. Two of their four children are living: Eliza (Mrs. E. H. Boden), and Florence (Mrs. Dr. George H. Newland).

PROUTY, CHARLES A., was born at Newport, Vermont, October 9, 1853. One of his ancestors was the first settler of that town, his grandfather, Arnold Prouty, lived most of his life there, and his father, commonly known as Colonel John A. Prouty, was one of its most active and influential citizens. Mr. Prouty began his education in the "old red schoolhouse" near the farm where he was born, continued it at the high school at Newport village, at the high school in Upton, Massachusetts, at the St. Johnsbury academy, and completed it at Dartmouth college, his class being that of 1875. After graduating he spent one year in the Allegheny observatory at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, as the assistant of Professor S. P. Langley, the present secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. In the summer of 1876 his health broke down and he returned to Newport where, having nothing else to do, he began the study of law in the fall of that year in the office of Theophilus Grout. The next February he was admitted to the bar of Orleans county, and practised a year as the partner of Mr. Grout, and for another year on his own account. Having married in the meantime, and not being able to make a living at the law, he gave it up and taught school in Newport for two years. In the summer of 1882 he again opened a law office at Newport, was elected state's attorney for the county of Orleans in November, 1882, and reëlected to that office in 1884. In 1886 he became general counsel for the Rutland Railroad company, and soon afterwards attorney for the Central Vermont Railroad company. From that time on his practice was an extensive and lucrative one.

In 1888 he was elected a member of the house of representatives, and that same year was appointed reporter of decisions of the supreme court of Vermont. This last position he held until appointed a member of the interstate commerce commission in December, 1896. When this nomination was made the Washington correspondent of the *Boston Daily Herald* had the following to say of him:

"The name of Charles A. Prouty of Vermont, nominated for interstate commerce commissioner, in place of Veazy, resigned, was suggested to the president by Senator Proctor of Vermont, a personal friend of the nominee. Mr. Prouty is about forty-two years of age and said by his acquaintances to be second to no man in the state as a lawyer. Mr. Prouty is a graduate of Dartmouth and led his class, taking all the prizes. Governor-elect Black of New York, who was a classmate of the nominee, when he heard that Mr. Prouty's name was being considered, called on the president and warmly endorsed what Senator Proctor had said. In telling of Mr. Prouty's college days Governor Black said to the president: 'He was so brilliant a young man that he easily took every prize he went after, and the rest of us were not in it at any time.'"

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Since then Mr. Prouty has continued in that position, in which he has developed an aptitude for the work. During his incumbency he has prepared many of the most important opinions formulated by the commission. He has also earnestly advocated in public addresses and various magazine articles, the enactment of laws for the proper regulation of railways. His work as a commissioner has brought him into prominence in all parts of the country.

He married Abbie, daughter of Leander Davis, by whom he has two sons, Ward and John A. While he has seen many places and enjoys the activities of his work, he assures his friends that no state has for him the attractions of Vermont, and that no part of life is so pleasant as that spent at his home overlooking the waters of Lake Memphremagog.

RANNEY, CHARLES F., son of Freeman and Emily (Flanders) Ranney, was born at Newbury, Vermont, December 8, 1851. His father came from Westminster, Vermont. Charles F. Ranney was educated in the public schools of Boston and New York. In 1874 he married Caroline D. Pratt of Newport, daughter of Deacon T. B. and Emily (Carpenter) Pratt, who were among the early settlers of the town. Three of their four children died in childhood. The eldest son, William Bradford Ranney, is associated with his father as a printer. Mr. Ranney was connected with the *Express and Standard* from 1875 to 1890, for the last eight years associate editor with D. M. Camp. He bought the job printing and stationery business of Mr. Camp in 1890, which he has since successfully conducted. Mr. Ranney is a citizen of high moral ideals, and his active influence is exerted on the side of rectitude and progress. He has been a member of the State Sabbath School executive committee, on the same committee for the Y. M. C. A., and a member of the Temperance Committee of Fifteen. He has served as village trustee, as a member of the school board eight years, and represented Newport in the legislature in 1898.

GEORGE H. NEWLAND.

NEWLAND, DR. GEORGE H., son of George W. and Orpha C. (Whipple) Newland, was born in Hyde Park July 28, 1853. He spent most of his early life in Irasburg and was educated at Kimball Union academy and the Eastman business college at Poughkeepsie, New York. He came to Newport in 1873, studied dentistry and engaged in practice about ten years at that time.

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He married Florence E., daughter of S. W. Parker of Newport in 1883, and soon after removed to Irasburg, where he was engaged in dentistry, was in the drug business and was postmaster under President Arthur, but returned to Newport two years later. He attended the Boston Dental college in 1890, and received a diploma from that institution and also from the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Dr. Newland is also a member of the State Dental association, and enjoys an extensive practice.

In 1892-'93 he erected Newland block, a fine modern structure on the corner of Main and Central streets. He was a pioneer in developing Lake Memphremagog as a summer resort and has a fine summer cottage and steam launch,

NEWLAND'S BLOCK.

where he enjoys life with his family and friends, and dispenses a liberal hospitality.

Dr. Newland is a most social and genial gentleman and has contributed his full share to the prosperity of Newport.

REV. WILBUR C. NEWELL.

NEWELL, REV. WILBUR C., is the popular and efficient pastor of the Methodist church of Newport. He is the son of Rev. F. C. Newell, a successful Methodist clergyman, and was born at Gurleyville, Connecticut, December 28, 1859. He was educated at Greenwich Academy, Rhode Island, at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, and at the Boston School of Theology.

In 1884 he married Elizabeth Haynes of Lyme, Connecticut, and joined the New England Southern conference, where he served several important churches with marked acceptability.

In the spring of 1901 he was called to Newport, where he is winning unusual success. Mr. Newell

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is a devoted student of literature, ancient and modern. All of his sermons and writings attest this fact.

His booklet "Truth About Hell," published at the Methodist Publishing House, has had an extensive sale. His new book, "The Life Worth Living," by the Abbey Press, is scholarly, high-toned, replete with apt illustrations and merits a wide circulation.

His popular lectures, "The Art of Making Things Go," "Common Sense," "Back Seat Folks," and "The Twentieth Century Farmer," are in good demand and are well received by the public.

THRASHER, HOMER, son of Charles and Harriett (Wheeler) Thrasher, was born in Westminster September 29, 1841. The same year his father settled in Coventry and successfully followed his trade of blacksmith, and owned and conducted a farm until the time of his death in 1876. Charles Thrasher was a war Democrat and as a selectman did yeoman service in securing soldiers during the Civil war.

Homer Thrasher, the fourth of a family of five sons and four daughters, was reared upon his father's farm, attended the public and high schools of Coventry and Brownington and taught several terms of winter school. At twenty years of age he went to Fitchburg, Massachusetts and for four years was employed in a scythe factory. Later he clerked in stores both at Coventry, Vermont and Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and in 1865 engaged in the starch business with Mr. Burbank one year at Barton Landing and then two years at Coventry.

In 1873 Mr. Thrasher bought the general country store of L. Soper at Coventry, which he successfully conducted until he sold it in 1880. Meanwhile for nearly eight years he had been town clerk and treasurer at Coventry.

He came to Newport in 1881 and for two years engaged in business with D. M. Camp & company, publishers of the *Newport Express and Standard*. In the fall of 1883 he founded his present business and is now recognized as the leading dealer in gents' clothing and furnishings in Orleans county.

Mr. Thrasher is a sagacious and successful business man, of unusual executive ability and absolute integrity. His townsmen have rec-

HOMER THRASHER.

ognized these qualities by electing him to many positions of trust. He has served as treasurer of the Cemetery association, of the lecture

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course committee and of the Orleans County Musical association. He has been lister and school trustee five years, also village trustee, and for 13 years in succession chairman of the board of selectmen. Mr. Thrasher was a member of the legislature in 1890. He has been a Mason for thirty-seven years, was many years secretary of the blue lodge and is now secretary of the chapter, and recorder of Malta commandery.

Mr. Thrasher married Josephine Bowles of Lisbon, New Hampshire, in 1868. They have had two children: Florence, who died in infancy, and Edward C., born January 11, 1874.

Edward C. Thrasher is a graduate of Newport and St. Johnsbury academies, of the Worcester, Massachusetts Polytechnic institute, an honor man of the class of 1898.

He married Elsie M., daughter of George Ranney of St. Johnsbury. Edward C. is now in the employ of Park Davis Co., wholesale drug manufacturers, Detroit, Michigan.

PROUTY & MILLER. The firm of Prouty & Miller was formed in 1876, the original members being John A. Prouty and Oscar C. Miller, they having mills at Newport, Vermont, and Roxton Falls, Quebec. In 1885 H. H. Prouty and George H. Prouty were admitted as members, but H. H. Prouty retired in 1889. Mr. Miller having been appointed general manager of the International company and John A. Prouty having given up the active management of the property, Mr. G. H. Prouty became the managing partner. In 1899 the two younger sons of John A. Prouty were admitted as members of the firm, so that to-day it is made up of Oscar C. Miller, George H. Prouty, Edgar J. Prouty, and Willard R. Prouty.

The business of the firm has rapidly increased until today they own some 40,000 acres of timber land and have two mills at this point, one at Buckingham, Quebec, one at St. Victor, Quebec, and one at Bigelow, Maine, with a combined output of 30,000,000 feet per year. They also own retail yards at Taunton, Brockton, and Holyoke, Massachusetts, their total sales reaching in the aggregate to almost one million dollars per year. The mills at Newport employ about seventy-five men and are kept running for the purpose of dressing lumber all the year around.

GEORGE H. PROUTY.

John A. Prouty, who during his life was the senior member of the firm, was prominently associated with the business interests of the

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town and village and for many years was one of its leading citizens. His judgment was always sought in town affairs and his influence had much to do in bringing about the improvements of which the town and village have a right to be proud.

He represented the town in the legislature at three different times and had very much to do with the removal of the county buildings to this place. He was also one of the organizers of the Orleans Trust company, and one of its directors from its organization till the time of his death, which occurred in 1900, at the age of seventy-three years.

OSCAR C. MILLER.

Oscar C. Miller was born in Westfield, and spent the early years of his life in that town, teaming and in the lumber business. In 1873 he removed to Newport to take the position of superintendent for D. H. & J. C. Newton, who were owners of the mill at that time. He retained this position until 1876, when the mill was sold to the firm of Prouty & Miller, he becoming the managing partner of the manufacturing department, which position he successfully filled until in 1886 he became the general manager of the International company.

In 1895 he built the mill now occupied by the Blair & De Larm Veneer company, and is still its owner. Mr. Miller has always been very active in town affairs and, though he has always been a Democrat in politics, he was in 1892 elected to represent the town in the legislature, and in the same year was a member of the Democratic convention which nominated Grover Cleveland. He is to-day vice-president of the Orleans Trust company

George H. Prouty was born in Newport in 1862. He attended the public schools, after which he took a short course at St. Johnsbury academy and passed through the business college of Bryant & Stratton of Boston, after which he began his business career by taking charge of a mill at Knowlton, Quebec, and has been in active business since that time, having been a member of the firm for about fourteen years. He is a young man of superior executive ability and of large experience of men and affairs. He was a member of the legislature in 1896, and is a member of all the Masonic bodies up to and including the 32°. He is always much interested in public matters and contributes liberally to enterprises of public benefit.

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The younger members of the firm are both young men of great promise and are taking a very active part in the management of the business by the way of taking charge of the actual operation of the mills at Newport.

CLERMONT, Rev. Anthony, rector of St. Mary Catholic church at Newport, was born at St. Martin, Province of Quebec, in 1853, son of Ant. P. Clermont, farmer, and of Adeline Giroux, and received his early training in the parish and district school. Orphaned at an early age by his father's death, he was sent to Montreal at eleven years of age as an apprentice to the jeweler's trade, and while there attended the business college, taking the English course. He then attended Montreal college, from which he graduated in the classical course in 1875. After taking his degrees in philosophy he was assigned to the position of professor of classical literature at Montreal college, where he remained three years. He then attended the Grand seminary at Montreal, and graduated from the theological course in 1881, after which he was recalled to the classical chair. His first settlement was at Pembroke, Ontario, as secretary of Bishop Loraine. He was then sent as a curate to Joliet, Province of Quebec, and curate of St. Vincent, and of St. Bridgett, Montreal. In 1891 he became chancellor and secretary of the Roman Catholic diocese of Vermont, and since 1892 he has been rector of St. Mary's church at Newport, where he has been influential in extending the faith of his church, and is held in the highest esteem by the citizens.

Father Clermont has purchased the site for the erection of a splendid Catholic church commodious enough for this large parish and it

Rev. Anthony Clermont.

will be completed in the near future.

CAMP, David M., youngest son of Ira and Harriet (Davis) Camp, was born in Derby, December 11, 1836. He was educated in the district school and the academies of Derby and St. Johnsbury. His minority was spent on the farm and in teaching. From early life he has been closely identified with educational affairs, several years as a teacher in district schools and academies, later as superintendent in

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Derby three years, and a trustee of Newport academy and graded school and Johnson Normal school. He was also a member of the state board of education when the last uniform text-books were adopted.

Though not a college graduate, he was in 1886 honored by Middlebury college with the degree of A. M. In 1865 he settled in Newport and soon after bought an interest in

DAVID M. CAMP.

the *Express and Standard*, and was its sole or joint owner and editor for a quarter of a century, covering the most interesting period of our country's history. He was ever an outspoken advocate of temperance, morality, and patriotism, and a strong Republican from the birth of the party.

In 1889 he was appointed deputy collector of customs at Newport, under George G. Benedict, and served until 1894, when under a change of administration he resigned by request. In 1898 he received a like appointment from Z. M. Mansur, collector of the district of Memphremagog, and in January following was promoted to the position of cashier, having care of all receipts and disbursements within the district. This position he still holds. He has held many important town, village, and district offices.

From 1869 to 1876 he served as clerk of the house of representatives. In 1878 he represented Newport in the legislature, and was then elected a trustee of the state reform school. He was also a member of the last constitutional convention.

Mr. Camp is a man of positive opinions, well informed on public questions. He is a strong Congregationalist and one of the deacons of his church.

He was for several years connected with the Y. M. C. A., serving upon the state committee; three times moderator of the state convention of Congregational churches and for many years its treasurer; he has been an ardent friend of the Sunday-school, being for nearly thirty years actively connected with the state work, serving upon the executive committee and twice honored as its president. He is also a director in the Vermont Domestic Missionary society and the Vermont Bible society.

Mr. Camp married, in 1861, Julia M., youngest daughter of Orrin Dorman of North Troy. She died in 1870, and in the following year he married Mrs. Adeliza H.

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Oakes, widow of Colonel J. H. Oakes of Coventry. Of three children by the first marriage, only

FRANCIS M. SHERMAN.

one survives, the wife of E. C. Blanchard of Newport.

SHERMAN, FRANCIS M., son of Thomas F. and Sarah (Felch) Sherman, was born in Lyndon in 1836. In 1860 he entered the employ of the Passumpsic railroad, now the Boston & Maine, as station agent at Lyndon, and later was agent at Norwich and Barton. He came to Newport October 5, 1863, on the first passenger train, and was continuously station agent twenty-two years at Newport. In 1885 Sherman & West started the wholesale and retail grain and feed store, which has continued and increased until the present time. After the death of Mr. West in 1887, C. N. Brady became a partner until June, 1903. The mill and store is 50x100 feet, three stories and ell, and is equipped with all of the modern facilities. Buying in large quantity at wholesale rates, Mr. Sherman conducts a widely extended wholesale trade in flour, feed, grain, phosphate, sewer pipe, lime, cement, and coal.

He married, in 1867, Mary Jane Beewith of Burke. His son, Frank R. Sherman, is associated with him

FRANCIS M. SHERMAN'S STORE.

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in business. Mr. Sherman has been a director of the Newport National bank more than a quarter of a century, and since 1882 he has been vice-president. He is very widely acquainted and is recognized as an able and thoroughly reliable business man.

HILDRETH, DAVID WESLEY, was born in Maine in January, 1853. His boyhood was spent in Canada. He came to Vermont at nineteen years of age, and for two years was station agent at Thetford. He then came to Barton Landing, and after some service in the railroad office commenced in the drug business in 1879. In 1882 he married Mrs. Etta N. (Dodge) Flint of Barton Landing. The same year

DAVID W. HILDRETH.

he built his drug store, 26x40 feet, two stories with an ell, and a residence on the second floor.

Perhaps Mr. Hildreth is more widely known as an ornithologist, a practical taxidermist, a writer of dramas, short sketches, and stories under the *nom de plume* of "David Hill." Possessed of an original and ingenious mind, he some years ago commenced his travels and collections in ornithology, and now has mounted between 500 and 600 specimens of Vermont and other birds, a private collection rarely equaled. In his strolls among the hills of Vermont, the Rockies, prisons of Havana, Cuba, the Florida wilds, and through the great wilderness surrounding Hudson's bay, much of which has been done while in the newspaper business, he has struck many legends of adventure that have furnished clues which he has worked up into plays for the amateur stage. The most successful and well known of his dramas are "Forced to the War," "Placer Gold," "Bound by an Oath," "Pride of Company G," "Lone Tree Mine," and "Joining the Tinpanites."

Mr. Hildreth is a member of Memphremagog lodge of Newport, F. & A. M., belongs to Malta commandery, No. 10, and was a charter member of Philemon lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Barton Landing. In the fall of 1897 he purchased the Newport *Express and Standard* of Theophilus Grout, and since that time has devoted his whole attention to the newspaper business and travels of adventure, many sketches of which have appeared in his own and other papers.

BRADY, CHARLES N., was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire, February 9, 1855, on the farm that is now known as the Henry Keyes estate. His early training was that

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received by the majority of farmers' sons of fifty years ago. Early in life he mastered the art of telegraphy and followed that profession

CHARLES N. BRADY.

through its different grades as operator and train dispatcher until October, 1886, when he severed his railroad connections and embarked in mercantile pursuits at Newport, Vermont, as the junior member of the firm of Sherman & Brady. The rapid growth and foremost position attained by this concern the first three years of Mr. Brady's administration of its affairs is all that need be said of his business ability.

December 30, 1896, he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland and served the term of his commission, four years, and enjoys the distinction of having given to his town the most satisfactory service ever rendered them in that particular line.

During his term as postmaster he, with Colonel Mansur, Hon. C. A. Prouty, and Congressman Grout, appeared before the house committee on public buildings in the capitol at Washington to urge the necessity of a federal building at Newport. The committee was made up of eight Republicans and seven Democrats. Mr. Brady's efforts in personal interviews with the Democratic members and the four votes received from the Republican side of the committee insured to the people of his town the magnificent structure which they are to-day enjoying as a post-office and custom house. Mr. Brady has an autograph letter from General Grout, in which he says: "To you is due the credit for the building at Newport. We had struggled for years and might struggle for years to come, if your timely appearance on the scene of action and the magnificent work you did with your Democratic friends had not borne fruit." Mr. Brady has held many offices, as a duty not sought after, and is now one of the trustees of the Goodrich Memorial free public library, one of the finest institutions of its kind in New England and of which he is justifiably proud, because he has had to do with it from its first inception.

He was married December 20, 1886, to May Field, daughter of Solomon M. and Louisa (Silas) Field, which union was severed by the death of his wife December 6, 1903.

He withdrew from the concern of Sherman & Brady in June, 1903, and is now one of the largest holders and most active operators in real estate in northern Vermont. Too much cannot be said of Mr. Brady's

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devotion to the interests of the town of his adoption. He has given unstintingly of his time and means to the promotion of industries and the forwarding of any and all projects that bid fair for the community's welfare.

BRADY, FRANK PIERCE, was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire, June 22, 1853. His education was obtained in the common schools and the Methodist seminary at Newbury, Vermont. Early in life he adopted the profession of telegraphy and before attaining his majority had become sufficiently expert that his services were in demand at the highest price paid in those days for that class of work.

In 1887 he was appointed superintendent on the Southeastern railroad, between Newport, Vermont, and Montreal, which was afterwards absorbed by, and is now the eastern terminus and New England outlet of, the Canadian Pacific railway, which is to-day the largest railroad system in the world. He is at this writing located at Winnipeg, Manitoba, as general superintendent of lines west of Fort William.

His family consists of his wife, who was Miss Hattie Kavanaugh of Concord, New Hampshire, two daughters, and one son, who at present is the agent of the Canadian Pacific at Newport, Vermont.

Mr. Brady is a good representative of the self-made man of to-day, and well illustrates what a young man can attain to that is possessed of energy, intelligence, good habits, and aspirations to rise from an humble beginning to a position of eminence among his fellow-men. He is among the class of great railroad operators of his time and we predict for him a brilliant future.

The town of Newbury, although not the place of his birth, was the

FRANK P. BRADY.

scene of his early manhood, has a right to claim him as one of their sons whom they sent forth equipped with the sterling qualities imbibed from good breeding, unsurpassed associations, and superb environment, all of which contribute to make the man Mr. Brady has developed into.

GREEN, J. Y., son of Ahira and Roxanna (Mears) Green, was born at Barnston, Province of Quebec, June 20, 1834. He died at Newport, August 4, 1886.

Ahira Green removed with his family to Derby in 1846 and died there in 1893, at the age of eighty-five.

J. Y. Green, at the age of nineteen, entered the store of J. C. Brig-

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ham, druggist, at St. Johnsbury, as a clerk, where after serving three years he engaged in the business for about five years as a partner with Dr. Hoyt, on Railroad street, St. Johnsbury. He then sold his interests there and came to Newport, where he resided and successfully followed the druggist business until the time of his lamented death. He was highly esteemed as a business man as well as a social and public-spirited citizen. A man of most benevolent and kindly impulse, he had a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Green was a Mason. He was a constant attendant and liberal supporter of the Methodist

J. Y. Green.

church, an active, prominent member of the church, choir and Sunday-school.

He married in 1858, Miss Roxanna Severens of Derby. Their only son, Hite B. Green, who took charge of the drug business after his father's death, died in 1889 at

J. Y. Green's Store.

the age of twenty-eight. He was an esteemed member of the Newport band. His only child is Helen R. Green.

In 1887 Mrs. Green was married to Warren A. Himes, a substantial farmer and highly respected citizen of Newport, who for many years owned the historic Martin Adams farm. They reside in the drug-store block, which for forty years has been the family home.

LONGE, Dr. B. D., son of Isaac C. and Sophia (Clark) Longe, was born at East Albany, August 17, 1870. He was reared upon a farm, where he formed a robust physique and habits of industry and economy. He fitted for college at Craftsbury academy, entered University of Vermont, and graduated in the class of 1894 with the degree of B.

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S. Two years later he graduated from the medical department of that institution. For two years he was house surgeon in Mary Fletcher hospital, a most valuable experience.

He married in September, 1894, Carrie M. Day of Burlington.

Soon after completing his hospital work he settled in Newport, where he has since remained with a steadily increasing practice. During the past two years Dr. Longe's residence and office have been on Main street, near the post-office.

He is secretary and treasurer of the Orleans County Medical society, and a member of the Vermont State Medical society. He is medical examiner of the Connecticut General Insurance company and several other companies, and is surgeon for this section of the Canadian Pacific and Boston & Maine railroads.

DANE, OLIN S., the well-known station agent of Newport, son of Israel Putnam and Abbie J. (Sias) Dane, was born in Derby, August 28, 1858. His early boyhood was passed at West Derby, but when he was ten years old the family removed to Newport, where he has since resided. He was educated in the excellent public schools of Newport.

After clerking two years for H. S. Root, in April, 1878, he entered the employ of the Passumpsic, now the Boston & Maine railroad, as clerk in the office. In October, 1885, he was appointed station agent at Newport, which position he now holds. Mr. Dane has entire charge of the business of this important junction, with the exception of selling tickets. He has thirty employés in the freight department, beside nearly that number employed in the yard. Since he assumed the agency, twenty-four years ago, the business has doubled several times, and everything considered, it is probably the most extensive of any point north of Concord.

Mr. Dane possesses that large measure of industry, order, and executive ability, combined with a practical knowledge of men and affairs, requisite to the successful discharge of this most responsible position.

He married Mabel Robinson in 1880, and they have three children: Walter A., Marion A., and Henry R. Dane.

Mr. Dane is a member of Evening Star lodge and Frontier encampment, I. O. O. F., and of Memphremagog commandery, U. O. G. C.

OLIN S. DANE.

BLAKE, Z. C., son of William and Caroline (Kendall) Blake, was born at West Derby, December 22, 1836. The Blakes were early settlers in this town, and William Blake kept the hotel at West Derby.

Z. C. Blake was one of a family of seven children, four of whom are now living in this vicinity. He began in the meat business nearly half a century ago, and has conducted it continuously at West Derby and Newport until the present time, with the exception of ten years in the same line at Island Pond. During the past sixteen years his business has been located at Newport at his present stand, Lawrence block. Z. C. Blake & Sons represent every feature of the business, including vegetables, and seven men, including the proprietors, and four horses are employed in conducting this extensive business in Newport and West Derby, which is probably the largest in the state. There is no other line of trade that so closely touches the

Z. C. Blake

health and comfort of the people, and the continued growth and success of this business is a sufficient index of the fairness, character, and ability of the members of this well-known firm.

Z. C. Blake married Elizabeth Kelley of Derby, and five children were born to them: William and Herbert are now the active partners of the business, Jennie is the wife of W. H. Jenks of St. Johnsbury, Oren is deceased, and Addie is the wife of John Hildreth of Newport.

COOK, Edwin Amos, son of Amos and Sarah Wing (Norton) Cook, was born in Glover, November 19, 1856. His father was a well-known carpenter and builder, also a farmer, of Glover, and Edwin A. learned and for a time followed the carpenter's trade. His academic training was obtained at the Orleans County Liberal institute and St. Johnsbury academy. He studied law with Hon. L. H. Thompson of Irasburg, was admitted to the bar in 1884, and located in practice in his native town until 1891, when he came to Newport, and three years later formed, with J. W. Redmond, the law firm of Cook & Redmond, which existed two years. He then continued in practice by himself until December, 1898, when F. C. Williams became a partner of the present law firm of Cook & Williams. Mr. Cook is in close touch with the rank and file, a jovial, companionable man, and an excellent, practical lawyer in the varied field of general practice.

Mr. Cook married, in 1885, Carrie A. Morse of Glover, daughter of Royal and Orlantha (Ketchum) Morse of Craftsbury. They have one son, Harold Amos, now a student of the Newport high school. He is the fifth generation bearing the name of Amos Cook.

Lawyer Cook is a member of

Edwin A. Cook.

Evening Star lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F., of Frontier encampment of Newport, and of Crescent canton of St. Johnsbury, and has passed all of the chairs of both the local bodies. He is a member of the Grand lodge, I. O. O. F., of Vermont, and Grand Patriarch of the Grand encampment of Vermont. Mr. Cook also affiliates with Memphremagog lodge, F. & A. M., of Newport.

HILDRETH, D. L., is one of the oldest and most influential citizens of Newport Center, and has acted well his part in private and public life. He was born in Milan, New Hampshire, in 1831, came to Newport in 1856, and four years later engaged in trade at Newport Center, where, in 1862, he was ap-

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pointed the first postmaster. He removed to North Troy in 1868, engaged in the watch and jewelry trade, and was the town clerk of Troy. In 1872, as the head of the firm of Hildreth, Young & Co., he engaged in the portrait copying business, residing for a time in Philadelphia. The firm employed a large canvassing force, and conducted a successful and extensive business. Returning to Newport Center, by reason of failing health, he was for a time engaged in mercantile life.

In 1886 he was a member of the legislature from Newport, and has held many other public positions, but during the past few years he

D. L. HILDRETH.

has devoted his time mostly to his fine dairy farm.

By his first wife, Martha A. Williams, Mr. Hildreth had one daughter, Flora A., wife of Frank Richards, a merchant in Philadelphia. By his second wife, Lydia W. Young, two sons were born: Fred L., a jeweler now in Barton, and Frank N., in business in Philadelphia.

Irvie Gretchen, eight years old, only daughter of Fred L., has always lived at grandpa's, and is the light of the household.

ERWIN, DR. CHARLES L., son of Ralph and Jane (Riley) Erwin, was born at Sheldon, Vermont, February 5, 1844. He was reared upon a farm and educated in the public schools and at the Franklin academy.

He had begun reading medicine with his brother, Dr. Ralph Erwin of Malone, New York.

When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in Company L, First Vermont cavalry, during the summer of 1862. He was on detached service at the hospital at Frederick City, Maryland, during the last two years of the war, where he continued his medical studies under Dr. Bartholf, a surgeon of the regular army.

After the close of the war, he completed a course at the medical department of the University of Vermont, from which he graduated in 1867. He immediately settled in Newport Center, where he has remained until the present time, and is the dean of the medical profession in town in continuous and active practice.

Dr. Erwin is a forceful personality, and has borne an active part, and exercised an important influence in the public affairs of his adopted town. He has been health officer, both of the village and town. He is a member of the Vermont

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Medical association, also of the Orleans County Medical society, of which he has held all of the offices. Dr. Erwin is a member of Memphremagog lodge, F. & A. M., of Cleveland chapter, and Malta commandery, and is a Shriner.

He married, in 1884, Ella, daughter of George L. Sleeper, Esq., of Newport Center, and they have had three children: Marjorie, Barbara,

CHARLES L. ERWIN, M. D.

and Charles L. Erwin, Jr. (deceased).

Dr. Erwin has a fine dairy farm of three hundred acres near the village, where he indulges his taste for good stock. Some eight years since he completed a fine public water system for the village of Newport Center; the water drawn from mountain springs to a large reservoir and thence distributed. This is an enduring monument to his enterprise and public spirit.

After filling the exacting demands of an extensive practice, Dr. Erwin has found time to serve the town nine years as selectman, seven years as chairman, and two years as superintendent of schools. As a Republican he was elected to the legislature in 1876, again in 1882, and was a senator from Orleans county in 1894. In 1896 he was appointed one of the supervisors of the insane, and held that position six years. Dr. Erwin has a fine professional and general library, and is well versed in the literature and current topics of the day.

ROGERS, HON. NATHANIEL S., son of Nathaniel and Mary (Smith) Rogers, was born in Moultonborough, New Hampshire, in 1840. In 1845 his father moved to Newport Center, where he commenced to clear and cultivate a farm, the son assisting and attending the public schools. The father, at the age of fifty-seven, enlisted in Company H, Fifteenth Vermont regiment, was captured by Moseby, confined in Libby prison, exchanged, and returned home broken in health. After his father's return, inspired by patriotism, he enlisted September 15, 1863, in Company M, Eleventh Vermont regiment. At the battle of Spottsylvania, May 18, 1864, he was the first man wounded in his regiment, which resulted in the loss of his right leg, and he was discharged from the Montpelier hospital September 15, 1864.

Returning to Newport Center, having purchased his father's farm, he carried it on until the death of his parents. He moved to his present village residence in 1880. Naturally a Republican, as such he has

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held many positions of trust. In 1880 he was elected justice of the peace, and has held that office until the present time, as trial justice. In 1892 he was elected associate judge, and filled that position two terms. For several years he has been the trusted local agent of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company. He is serving his fourth term as second selectman.

NATHANIEL S. ROGERS.

Judge Rogers was united in marriage in 1866 to Mary E., daughter of Rufus and Philander (Oaks) Whipple of Newport Center. Three children were born to them: Elmer C., Ernest S. (recently deceased), and Jennie G. He is a member of T. B. Alexander post, No. 26, of which he was two years and more past commander. He has also held the office of assistant inspector, Department of Vermont, G. A. R. For many years he has been a prominent member of the Free Baptist church of this place, joining at 19 years of age, and is a most exemplary citizen.

PRATT, HERBERT HAMILTON, photographer, Newport, Vermont, was born in Berkshire, Franklin county, February 25, 1861. His father, Gillinon W. Pratt, was born and raised in the same town, and was a well-known farmer and business man. In the year 1872 he moved to Newport and established the first milk route in town. In the year 1877 he bought what is now the True & Blanchard block, and continued the grocery business of Paine & Morse, which he run about five years. Subsequently he engaged as undertaker, in which he continued for about seven years. He, desiring to be in a business which would keep him out of doors, engaged with the Lister Phosphate company of Newark, New Jersey, and became a most successful salesman, continuing in the business up to the time of his death, April 12, 1901. He left a fine property. His widow is now living, and makes her home with the only son, Herbert, the subject of this sketch.

Being of an artistic temperament, Herbert H. Pratt early turned his attention to photography. His first studies in the art were in Anomosa, Iowa, under E. M. Littlefield and M. M. Mott, as fine artists as could be found in the state. In the year 1902, owing to his father's death, he returned to Newport and bought out William H. Jenks, and has since run the leading studio in town. His business steadily increasing, he found it necessary to build a more commodious studio, and in the year

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1903 he constructed the only strictly art studio in this section. A site was purchased on the corner of Main and Bayview streets, di-

HERBERT H. PRATT.

rectly opposite the court house, and a modern building, complete in all its appointments, was erected. The operating room is 18x34, and has the latest single slant light and up-to-date equipments, including the Nichols' flash light and patent printing window. The reception room is finely furnished, and is 18x22, the walls being hung with about $200 worth of sample paintings, photographs, etc. The building, as a whole, is 40x50 feet, two stories, with twenty-two foot posts. It has plate glass windows, 6x10 feet in size. The design was by Mr. Pratt himself, and is after the Western type of architecture. The building is practically fireproof; it is covered by pressed steel plates and has an original method of ventilation. Besides the photograph business Mr. Pratt has a complete printing outfit and has turned out some very creditable job work, although he does not push this department of his business. He also manufactures picture frames in great variety and of high order, having bought out this branch in connection with art supplies of the well-established G. W. Burbank concern about a year since.

On November 27, 1880, Mr. Pratt married Miss Gertrude M. Richmond of Anamosa, Iowa, and five children have been born of this marriage: Alta E., born October 10, 1882; Sadie G., born April 25, 1887; Carl F., born November 11, 1890; Eva L., born December 3, 1893; William M., born June 20, 1896.

Mrs. Pratt and the two older daughters are naturally artistic and are of great assistance in the conduct of the business.. Mr. Pratt is a member of the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., and has the degree of honor in the same order, A. O. of M. W., and the K. L. S. Mrs. Pratt and daughters are active members of the Daughters of Rebekah.

CONNAL, WILLIAM ROBERT, the subject of this sketch, is of Scotch descent; his father, Peter Connal, was born in Sterling, Scotland, under the shadow of the old historic Sterling Castle. His mother, Harriet (Butler) Connal, was of Scotch descent and Puritanic lineage. Mr. Connal was born in Newport in 1859, and has always lived on the farm he now owns. Mr. Connal is a persistent student of agriculture and dairy husbandry, and is a fre-

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quent contributor to agricultural and dairy papers. Like Mr. Beecher, he believes "in small farms and thorough cultivation; that the best fertilizer of any soil is a spirit of industry, enterprise, and intelligence. Without this lime and gypsum, bones and green manure will be of little use."

Mr. Connal has held various town offices and he represented Newport in the legislature of

WILLIAM R. CONNAL.

1902-'04, serving on the general committee, and is chairman of the county committee of "The Vermont Farmers' Legislative Organization." Mr. Connal's specialty is the breeding of American Jersey Cattle Club Jerseys for foundation stock, of the Stoke Pogis-St. Lambert family. His herd contains some of the most excellent individuals of the Jersey breed.

He married, in 1887, Ada L. Smith of Irasburg. They have two young daughters, Velma Mildred and Helen Lucile.

Mr. Connal's brother, E. N. Connal of Burlington, Kansas, is conceded to be the foremost lawyer of his judicial district.

STICKNEY JOSHUA G. The subject of this sketch represents patriotism and good citizenship in war and peace. He was born in Lunenburg, Vermont, in 1840, but came to Newport at fifteen years of age, and worked on farms until the call for troops came in the summer of 1861, when he enlisted as a private in Company D, Sixth regiment, commanded by Colonel Nathan Lord. He shared the fortunes of the regiment in nearly

JOSHUA G. STICKNEY.

every battle in which it was engaged, from Lee's Mills to Charlestown, Virginia, August 21, 1864, where he was so severely wounded

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at the knee as to require two amputations. He was discharged from the hospital October 6, 1865, with the rank of sergeant, after more than four years' faithful service. After two years' convalescence, he learned the shoemakers' trade, and worked at Newport, Bradford, and Derby Line, and later farmed half a dozen years at Newport. He settled at Newport Center in 1884, and for many years was constable and collector, for two years deputy sheriff and for the past seven years has been postmaster.

He married Etta Litchfield in 1876, and their four children are: Bertha E., Laura E., Lizzie G., and Charles J. Stickney.

Mr. Stickney is a member of Memphremagog lodge, F. & A. M., and a past commander of T. B. Alexander post, G. A. R.

WILLIAMS, Frank Clifton, of Newport, son of Clifton and Marietta (Loomis) Williams, was born in Glover, May 12, 1853. His education was obtained in the public schools, the Orleans Liberal institute and Goddard seminary. He clerked in the stores of D. L. Dwinell of Glover and D. P. Walworth of Coventry, and in 1877 entered into partnership with Homer Thrasher in Coventry in the mercantile business, later purchasing his interest, and continued in business there until 1892. He was town clerk and treasurer, a trial justice over ten years, and engaged in the lumber business and farming about the same length of time. In 1877 he married Helen Louise Burbank, daughter of Samuel and Jane Coburn (Bowles) Burbank. Five children were born to them: Grace Helen, Florence Eliza, Sam Clifton, Harold Frank, and Kate Mildred. All are living except Harold, who died in infancy. Mrs. Williams died in 1896, and in 1898 Mr. Williams moved to Newport, and although 45 years old, studied law in the office of Cook & Redmond and was admitted to the Vermont bar in 1899, and immediately formed a partnership with E. A. Cook, one of the leading lawyers of Orleans county bar, and the firm is doing a good business. Mr. Williams was three years a member of the Vermont Board of Agriculture, and is now one of the judges of the court of claims, the other members being the Hon. Frank Plumby and the Hon. Horace Graham.

Mr. Williams has been one of the trustees of the Newport high school for four years, and has two years more to serve, a village trustee one year, and re-elected for three years at the last meeting. Judge Williams has had a wide experience in business affairs, is well and favorably known as an interesting speaker on agricultural and political topics, and is in the best sense a representative Vermonter.

FLINT, Albert, youngest son of Frederick and Elvira (Richardson) Flint, was born on the home farm in Newport on January 25, 1867. He received his education in the common schools of his native town, and remained on the farm until two years since. Having a natural artistic taste, he came to Newport village and learned the photographer's art under one of the leading artists in the state, E. A. Walcott, now of Barton.

Mr. Flint's work has been chiefly confined to sittings, but he is now

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prepared to do out-of-door work of all kinds, and in accordance with the highest skill of the art. He employs nothing but the best stock,

ALBERT FLINT.

and guarantees his productions to be second to none in artistic arrangement, quality of material, and finish.

FROST VENEER SEATING COMPANY, B. W. Longeway, superintendent. The Frost Veneer Seating company of Newport is one of the most extensive establishments of northern New England. The plant consists of ten buildings, five of large dimensions ranging from 50x100 to 55x175 feet, three stories. The company uses annually nearly a million and a half of the best hardwood timber and employs about 200 people. George E. Frost is a successful manufacturer, resident at New York city. W. C. Calhoun, general manager of all the plants of the Frost Veneer Seating company, resides in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where the company operates an extensive plant.

B. W. Longeway has been connected with this enterprise for nearly twenty years, has become familiar with the various phases of the business, and is one of the progressive young business men of Newport. We will give the reader a slight sketch of the *modus operandi*.

The logs which are not cut up go to the bottom of the lake, which, inside the boom, is from six to twelve feet deep. It is essential that veneer logs be kept under water during the summer to prevent season checking and sap stain. They are taken from the lake by two men in a boat, and hauled into the mill from the slip by a bull chain worked by steam power. In the saw room the logs are cut in blocks from four to six feet long, put in the steam tank, and steamed from six to ten hours. From the tank the logs are rolled to the cutting room and the bark rossed off. They are then centered and with a crane are swung into the machine. The log rotates toward the knife, which is moving at a rate that can be ganged by the operator, so as to cut veneer sheets of required thickness, according to velocity of revolution. After the log is rounded up it is possible to take the sheets off in a continuous piece to the core, which is six inches in diameter, and by the aid of little knives set at right angles to the log, the veneer can be cut any desired width. It is usually cut in squares from fourteen to twenty-one inches. It requires four men to operate the machine. From the cutting room the

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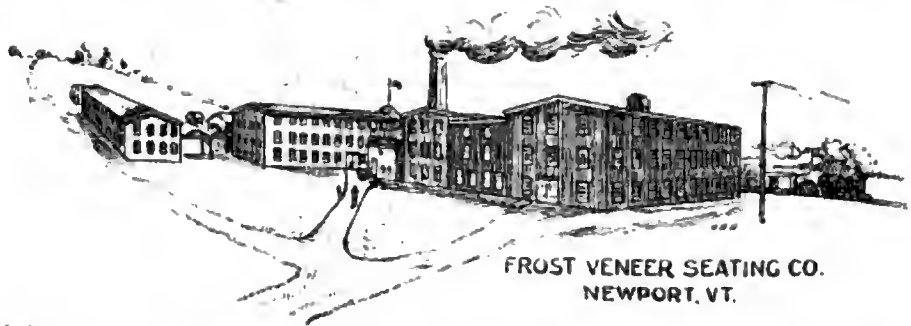
veneer is taken by an elevator to the dry room, where girls place the sheets in racks made for the purpose, and after being thoroughly dried it is sorted and graded according to quality and use. The company was organized in 1886, when the mill was bought of F. C. Bates, and the factory was erected the same year. Mr. Longeway has been advanced step by step through the different grades until, from a youth of thirteen years, he is now the general superintendent of the plant, and secretary of the company. He is a graduate of the business department of the Newport high school. At present he is one of the village trustees. He is a member and was for three years secretary of Evening Star lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F. Mr. Longeway married, in 1897, Miss Martha L. Hunt of Newport, and they have one daughter, Doris A. Opportunities well improved make men.



FROST VENEER SEATING CO.
NEWPORT, VT.

SMITH, HENRY OSMER, was born in Irasburg in 1870. He is the son of Jonathan T. and Abigail R. Smith. He was brought up on a farm and was educated in the public schools of Irasburg and the village school of Coventry. At a very early age his mechanical abilities became apparent. During his boyhood much of his spare time was spent in making some tool or device. He made gun springs and scores of jackknife blades for the boys, butcher knives, razors, saws and many blacksmith's tools, such as hammers, sets of drills, etc., which the blacksmiths of the surrounding towns found better than the commercial kinds, as he was quite a master of the art of tempering steel. He would shoe a horse, often making the shoes he used. In fact, he made almost everything, from a pen-knife to a wooden bicycle and steam engine, and made most of the tools with which to do the work. While still a lad, he studied out many mechanical principles which, he found later, were correct. He has a strong, robust constitution, and at fourteen years of age he could mow more grass, pitch more hay, or chop more wood, than most men. Soon after he became of age he commenced working at the carpenter's trade, and at intervals during two or three years took contracts for laying foundations for buildings, laying cellar walls, and doing other stone work.

In 1895 he married Flora E. Scott of Newport, and the following year moved to Newport village, where he has a fine house of his own

building. Since this time he has been engaged as a builder and contractor. His chief characteristics are a determined will, plenty of energy and perseverance. He is possessed of an artistic nature and originality of design, which enables him to give a grace and finish to his work not often seen. His genial but determined disposition fits him well to oversee his employees. He possesses some knowedge of drafting, and has displayed considerable taste and skill in executing ornamental work in wood carving.

Though still a young man, Mr. Smith is not only one of the finest and fastest workmen, but by his ability and integrity has become one of the leading builders and contractors of Orleans county.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two young daughters: Isola Scott and Audrey Gladys.

HENRY O. SMITH.

FARMAN, ALBERT WOOLEY, son of Willard and Isabel (Brown) Farman, was born in Troy, June 25, 1875. Willard Farman was a soldier in the Sixth Vermont regiment, and is a substantial farmer.. Albert's boyhood was spent upon his father's farm, and in attendance at

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the district schools. His education was completed at Lyndon institute, under Principal Walter E. Ranger. He began the study of law with Hon. Orien S. Annis of North Troy, meanwhile residing at his home. Continuing his legal studies in the office of Cook & Redmond, he was admitted to the bar in 1897, and during this period taught several terms of school. Soon after his admission to the bar he opened an office in Foster block, Newport, which he now occupies. Mr. Farman was a corporal of Company L, First regiment, Vermont National Guard, and with his company spent the summer of 1898 at the camp at Chickamauga, and was mustered out in October. After recovering from a malarial fever contracted at the camp, he returned to his law practice the following January.

He was elected state's attorney of Orleans county in September, 1902, after a spirited canvass.

On the reorganization of Company L, after the return from the South, he was elected first lieutenant and soon afterwards captain of the company. Captain Farman is a young man of genial manners and good ability. He is a member of Memphremagog lodge, F. & A. M.; Cleveland chapter, R. A. M.; and Malta commandery, K. T., at Newport.

KIPP, William E., merchant tailor, Newport, Vermont, was born at Burlington, Vermont, January 14, 1857. His education was gained in the public schools of that city. He remained at Burlington most of the time until he was about eighteen years of age, at which time he went to Newark, New Jersey, where he completed his apprenticeship, begun with Turk Brothers at Burlington. After a thorough training in his chosen profession at Newark he came directly to Newport, where he has been engaged in constant business since. Mr. Kipp carries a large and well-selected stock of foreign and domestic woolens, and caters to the leading trade in his line. An idea of the volume of business done by Mr. Kipp may be had from the fact that he employs continuously six hands and has a constantly increasing business.

January 19, 1882, Mr. Kipp married Miss Grace Leach of North Troy, and there has been born unto them four children: John P., born December 7, 1882; Vera L., born February 20, 1886; Walter D., born May 12, 1894; and Ruth M., born February 22, 1896.

Mr. Kipp is a member of the Cleveland chapter, No. 20, Memphremagog lodge, No. 65, and Malta commandery, No. 10. He and his family attend the Congregational church.

HAMILTON, Dr. Harry Fuller, was born in Newport, Vermont, September 23, 1874, where he has always resided, excepting during his school days, passed at Vermont academy, Saxton's River, where he graduated in the class of '94. His study in dentistry began at an early date with his father, Dr. M. T. Hamilton of Newport, with whom he continued until 1898. In that year he qualified for, and successfully passed, the examination prescribed by the state dental examining board, since which time he has been in practice for himself. Dr. Hamilton enjoys the confidence of a gradually increasing clientele among the best people of the com-

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munity. At the last meeting of the State Dental society Dr. Hamilton was honored by election to the executive board of that society.

Dr. Hamilton spares no expense in his effort to keep abreast of the rapid advancements in his profession. His mechanical outfit is conceded to be second to none in the state.

On September 15, 1897, Dr. Hamilton married Miss Lillian C. Gilman, only daughter of George C. and Lizzie M. (Lane) Gilman, and there have been born unto them: George William, January 13, 1901; Reginald Gilman, March 16, 1904.

Dr. Hamilton is senior deacon of F. & A. M., Memphremagog lodge, No. 65.

Residence of Dr. Harry F. Hamilton.

ROBINSON, Eber C. No summary of the business and industrial history of Essex county would be in the least complete without the mention of the late Eber C. Robinson.

Many of the enterprises which have given and are giving material prosperity to the county are the fruit of his labor and the product of his genius and foresight.

His interests were largely diversified; combining mercantile, manufacturing, and financial undertakings with the duties of a federal officer.

He was born in Holland, June 11, 1832, of parents whose fathers were the pioneers of that town. He came to Island Pond in 1866; and from that time until the day of his death was a leader in the work and support of the Methodist church, and foremost in all that made toward the upbuilding and industrial advancement of the town and county. Nor did these limits confine his varied pursuits. He had large business interests in the West and was active in the direction of one of the largest lumber concerns in the state of Maine.

He was married April 4, 1855, to Eliza Bartlett, who bore him three

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daughters: Lilla, the late Mrs. Bosworth; Mamie, who died in infancy, and Mrs. Alice G. Story, of Brooklyn, New York. His wife died August 15, 1875.

He was married September 5, 1877, to Clara M. Stewart, daughter of the Hon. Emera Stewart of Derby, and to them was born, May 2, 1882, Claribel Stewart Robinson. Mrs. Robinson, his widow, now resides at Newport, where, on October 1, 1902, their daughter Claribel died.

EBER C. ROBINSON.

At the time of his death, which occurred June 26, 1894, Mr. Robinson was president of the Island Pond National bank, which office he had held since its organization, and was serving his second term as deputy collector of customs in charge of the port of Island Pond.

MORIN, EDMOND, proprietor Pleasant Valley Milk Farm. This pleasant and fertile farm is situated on the Coventry road, within the incorporated limits of Newport village. The farm consists of about one hundred and eighty-five acres, seventy-five acres being in tillage, and it pastures about twenty-five head of cattle. Some thirteen years

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since Mr. Morin engaged in the milk business, and now supplies about one hundred and fifty quarts of milk per day, the milk all being produced on his own farm. He also, soon after the time of beginning his milk business, opened a meat market which has, under his personal direction, grown to be an important branch of his varied enterprises, and is constantly increasing in volume. Mr. Morin also conducts a wood yard, supplying about five hundred cords of wood per year, the most of which comes from his own farm. Since buying the farm, Mr. Morin has built over the entire buildings, and added several new ones, including a barn 50x80, which has a driveway thirty feet long. This barn has all the modern appointments, including cement floors. This barn was completed in 1899, and could not be replaced to-day for less than $3,000. He has also built a meat market, slaughter house, and blacksmith shop, and does his own blacksmithing. He has entirely remodeled and refitted his house, and has all the modern conveniences, including bathroom, furnace, and the village water system.

EDMOND MORIN.

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insuring the best of fire protection.

Mr. Morin was born in Derby on October 18, 1866, the youngest of twelve children, ten of whom are now living in this community. His father was a Canadian farmer who early migrated to Vermont.

Mr. Edmund Morin, the subject of this sketch, married on September 28, 1890, Miss Mary Le Bell of

RESIDENCE OF EDMOND MORIN.

BARN OF EDMOND MORIN.

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St. Philippe, Province of Quebec. They have two adopted children: Florence, thirteen years, and Chester, ten years of age. They mourn the loss of an only child, bearing his father's name, who died at the age of four and one half years. Mr. Morin and family are communicants of the St. Mary's Catholic church, and contribute liberally towards its support.

AUBIN, Louis Philippe, proprietor of the Orleans Bobbin company, Newport, Vermont, established 1897, manufacturer of all kinds of spinning bobbins.

Mr. Aubin was born in St. Valentine, Province of Quebec, January 12, 1859. His father, Leon Aubin, was born in St. Therese, Province of Quebec, and lived to be nearly eighty-one years of age. He was an eminent teacher, having taught at different places in the high schools for forty-five years. The mother of Philippe was Miss Linia Corbiere, who died when he was eleven years of age. There were sixteen children born of the marriage, five boys and eleven girls, Philippe, the subject of this sketch, being the only one prominent in business at the present time.

The education of Philippe was received in the common and high schools of his native town, and under his father's tuition. At the age of eighteen he "struck out" for himself, going to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he learned the machinist's trade, serving fifteen years at the business, and it is to this early training in mechanics to which is due in no small degree his success in the bobbin business. He then, after finishing his long apprenticeship, returned to Vermont and went to work for the Black Falls Spool and Bobbin factory at Montgomery, where he remained, in charge of the tool department, for three years. He then engaged with the Union Bobbin works for one year at Barton Landing, which company then removed to Newport, and in the year 1897, Mr. Aubin having gained a large and valuable experience in the bobbin and spool business, and by dint of economy and industry laid by a little property, engaged in the business for himself. It is but just to record the fact that few men have the moral courage to go through the financial struggles which Mr. Aubin has sustained, and from which he has emerged with credit and honor to himself. He is now the chief owner of one of the best bobbin plants in the state, and has the reputation of producing as fine work as any concern doing business in his line. He employs, when running on full time, thirty-six men, and finds a ready market for all the goods he can produce.

In the year 1883 Mr. Aubin married Miss Rosina Le Ber of Laprairie, Province of Quebec. Her father was of a prominent French family. There have been born of this union: Jean Adéodat, May 6, 1884; M. E. Beatrice, deceased, July 10, 1885; M. A. Bertha, August 18, 1886; Maria E., born December 1, 1887; J. A. Roumald, born June 13, 1889; M. A. Beatrice, born February 6, 1891; M. L. Rosina, born April 5, 1894, now deceased; M. E. Alice, born February 20, 1897; M. Elizabeth, born March 3, 1899; Joseph Louis Philippe, born May 14, 1901; M. R. Blanche, born April 7, 1903. Adéodat graduated from the Seminaire Saint Charles Borromée,

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Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, in the business course, June 19, 1903, after having attended the Newport high school for two years. He is musical tastes, and is a promising young man.

Mr. Aubin is a prominent member of the Catholic church, and con-

LOUIS PHILIPPE AUBIN.

now working for his father taking the charge of the bookkeeping and shipping department. He spends some time in the cultivation of his tributes liberally towards its support. He is also an active member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, having been treasurer of the order

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for one year. He has been greatly interested also in the L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amérique.

SISCO, DAVID W. & Co., are the successful proprietors of the Raymond, Newport's new hotel.

In early life, Mr. Sisco was a farmer and stock dealer until incapacitated for labor by a stroke of paralysis, and later engaged in the drug business at Troy. He came to Newport in 1891, bought the Lake House, a small hotel near the depot, and during the summer of 1903 built the Raymond on the same site. This handsome modern hotel contains thirty-three guest rooms, is provided throughout with steam heat, electric lights, and marble lavatories. Mr. Ralph Sisco is associated with his father in the care of the hotel and livery. The guest will find at the Raymond light, well-furnished rooms, an excellent, varied, and abundant table and obliging service, in all features a first-class hotel.

Mr. Sisco is a genial and experienced landlord, the clerk, Royal M. Howe, is popular with the traveling public, and the Raymond deservedly secures a liberal and increasing patronage.

GAINES, DR. J. H., son of John and Fidelia (Dingman) Gaines, was born in Berkshire in 1856. Brought up on a farm, and early in life compelled to rely on his own resources, he found teaching district and village schools an expedient method of providing for his educational expenses. He successfully taught about twenty terms of school in northern Vermont. He thus worked his way through St. Johnsbury academy, and read medicine with Dr. Moore and Dr. Irwin.

He married Abbie E. Hodgdon, his assistant teacher at North Troy, in 1879, and she has since been both assistant and teacher.

He graduated from the medical department of University of Vermont in 1884, and came directly to Newport, where he soon secured a good practice. He owns several blocks and residences in the village, and has abundant confidence in its future growth and prosperity. Dr.

J. H. GAINES, M. D.

Gaines is also interested as a half owner with I. O. Blake of New York city in one of the best-equipped stock farms in New England. He is a lover and skilful connoisseur of good horses, and has done much to improve the stock in this vicinity. His professional standing is such that his range of practice is extensive. He was for several years superintendent of schools, was state inspector in the quarantine depart-

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ment, and local health officer, and is recognized as one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens.

JOHN R. FARRANT.

FARRANT, JOHN R., florist, Newport. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." He who cultivates the public taste for the beautiful in nature or art, and supplies the means of its gratification, is a public benefactor. The well-conducted greenhouses of John R. Farrant are a source of pleasure and a convenience to the people of northern Vermont and a part of Canada. That it is appreciated is proved by the steady increase of his business. Thomas Farrant, his father, and the founder of the business, was a thorough gardener and florist by profession. He came to Newport in 1868 and after two years in the employ of Buck & Pender, as gardener, he purchased the Farrant homestead of fifty acres. The raising of vegetables was at first the leading feature, but he soon began the culture of flowers and as the public taste was educated and the demand increased, new greenhouses were added. Mr. Farrant died in 1884.

J. R. Farrant was born in 1863, we were about to say, in a greenhouse with a flower in his hand. He entered the employ of Emmons Raymond when he was seventeen years old as foreman of his grounds, including the greenhouse and reservoir. Soon after his father's death he returned to the homestead and has since conducted the business with the aid of his mother and sister. During the winter season his orders are for bouquets and cut

THOMAS FARRANT.

flowers, for which lilies, roses, carnations, and violets are the leading varieties. For yard and lawn use geraniums, begonias, alternatheras,

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echeveria, fuchias, and colors are in greatest demand. The pot plants are too numerous to mention but very desirable to have.

Mr. Farrant has now five greenhouses, two 16x35, two 20x40 each, one 20x60, and contemplates building another in the near future. He decorates for parties, weddings, and dances, and is prepared to furnish, on short notice, all kinds of floral designs at reasonable prices.

GREENHOUSE OF JOHN R. FARRANT.

FRENCH, ELBERT ELSWORTH, son of Asa B. French and Minerva (Hudson) French, daughter of Deacon David H. Hudson of East Haven, was born in that town in 1867, where he resided until he was eleven years old, at which time his mother died and he left home, going to work for himself. In 1888, at twenty-one years of age, he went to work for the Boston & Maine railroad, serving the company fifteen years, eight years as baggage-master and brakeman, and the last seven years as passenger conductor, where he became a popular and efficient man, never having a mishap or a wreck during this long service. After retiring from the railroad service he bought out and thoroughly refitted the "Quick Lunch" room in Newport, in company with Napoleon Mayhew, where he remained nine months, then selling out and buying the Star Restaurant and Lunch rooms, which he has thoroughly refitted and enlarged to the number of twelve rooms. Under Mr. French's management this restaurant is becoming one of the most

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popular in Newport, particularly with railroad men.

On January 7, 1890, Mr. French married Miss Alice Lindley, daughter of Robert Henry and Alice (Gallighan) Lindley. There have been born to them: Lottie Minervia, July 4, 1892; Pearl Lydia, February 10, 1897; Elbert Elsworth, Jr., November 29, 1898; Robert Henry, June 1, 1903.

ELBERT E. FRENCH.

Mr. French is a member of I. O. O. F., Union lodge, No. 4, and Order of Railroad Conductors.

SAWYER, MRS. ROSA, proprietress of the Home Bakery, Newport, Vermont. This bakery is centrally located and is rapidly gaining a well deserved patronage from a class of people who are able to appreciate the difference between strictly domestic and ordinary commercial baking. Mrs. Sawyer makes a specialty of bread, pies, doughnuts, etc., using the best of products obtainable. In connection with the bakery she serves light lunches. Mrs. Sawyer is assisted in the conduct of the business by her only son, Harley H., a promising young man of seventeen years, who gives such attention to the business as he can spare from his school hours.

Mrs. Sawyer was born in Lowell, Vermont, where her education was obtained up to fourteen years of age. At that time she, for two years, made her home with her sister at Groveland, Massachusetts, where she had the advantages of the high school. She then returned to her native town and on January 1, 1884, married; soon after the Cottage Hotel was built, and run for twelve years. The large experience and well-merited reputation

MRS. ROSA SAWYER.

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which this hostelry gained while Mrs. Sawyer presided over its culinary department has helped her in the establishment of her present popular business. After the sale of the Lowell business, Mrs. Sawyer came to Newport and established a café, which she conducted for four years previous to her present enterprise.

BLAIR AND DE LARM VENEER COMPANY. This company was started on a small scale as a partnership, employing three men in house finish work, in July, 1899. Later they engaged in making veneers, using electric motor power, and were located near the passenger depot. Two years later they were employing twenty-five hands, when the works were destroyed by fire, with heavy loss. The following September they leased the Union Bobbin works, then vacant, and a year later incorporated under the style of The Blair & DeLarm Veneer company, with an authorized capital of $200,000. In 1903 two other plants were added. At West Charleston a veneer and bobbin factory, with water power from the Clyde river, also steam power and an electric light plant, was erected, which employs twenty-five hands. At South Troy the company remodeled a plant at an expense of nearly $12,000, adapting it for the manufacture of bobbins and wire end butter dishes. This is rapidly becoming a very important industry. The dishes are of half pound, pound, two pound, three and five pound sizes. The six automatic machines have a daily capacity of nearly 400,000 dishes, which are packed in crates and shipped in car-load lots. The company employs ninety men at Newport and fifty at South Troy,

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and in five years their force has increased from three men to one hundred and fifty. They have purchased the International mill and contemplate installing new machinery adapted to their specialties and still further increasing their output. At present they use from two to two and one half million feet of hardwood timber annually and it takes a million surface feet of soft wood to box their goods at the South Troy plant. Their sales increase in a geometrical ratio, last year's sales being double those of the year before and this year's sales double those of last. Their goods go to almost every civilized country in the world, and they have a representative at London, on the continent, and at Australia. They have the best equipped factory of wire end butter dishes and the largest output of veneer chair seats of any company in the world. Their New York office is 253 Broadway, opposite the new post-office building. The growth of this business is marvelous and speaks volumes for the ability and good judgment of the management. The junior partner and active manager of this extensive business, Wardner E. DeLarm, was born in Hague, Warren county, New York, July, 1875. His father, Rev. Richard DeLarm, was a Methodist minister, and his early education was obtained in the graded schools of Ogdensburg and Plattsburg. His father died when he was eleven years old and his mother when he was thirteen, and after that time he made his own way in the world, completing his education by

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night schools, correspondence schools and home study. At the age of seventeen he held the position of bookkeeper with the American Graphite company of New York city. Two years later he engaged with the Frost Veneer Seating company of Newport as bookkeeper and shipping clerk, was with them five years and then went into business for himself.

He married in 1900 Sadie Nye of West Charleston, Vermont. He is a Knight Templar of Malta commandery and in the largest and best sense a self-made man.

The accompanying illustration gives a very good idea of the handsome new federal building just completed at Newport. It is an imposing structure of brick and marble and commands an excellent view of Lake Memphremagog and the surrounding country.

The building cost $125,000 and was provided for by three appropriations. The lot cost $15,000.

NEW FEDERAL BUILDING, NEWPORT, VERMONT.

The first real move toward erecting a government building in that town took place in 1899. Dividing the customs district, making this a port of entry instead of a sub-port, and known as the Memphremagog district, made it essential that the much-needed building should be erected as soon as possible. Much credit for the wisdom of this move

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is due to the careful administration of the present collector, Colonel Z. M. Mansur. The national government has no more careful official.

The business of the first year proved the district to be an important one, the total duties assessed amounting to $5,969,054.72. The total value of merchandise entered was $10,949,747, and the total number of cars examined during the year was 126,817. The volume of business has been increasing until the present year for the month of April alone the total number of entries was 2,353, while $76,978.41 represented the money collected for duties.

The roster of the customs department contains the names of these officers: Colonel Z. M. Mansur, collector; Charles Bancroft, special collector; Helen E. Clark, stenographer; D. M. Camp, deputy collector, acting cashier; Carl R. Storrs, auditor; J. T. Howell, bond clerk; W. C. Lindsay, deputy collector; C. M. Bailey, deputy collector in charge of local office; P. A. Robbins, G. M. Dearborn, C. A. Davis, T. C. Gale, S. F. Davis, K. Richmond, George D. Walworth, L. B. Wellman, A. Clark; J. McDiarmid, immigrant inspector; Dr. G. W. Ward, veterinary; S. E. Hitchcock, blank and file clerk.

AMONG THE ISLANDS, LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG, NEWPORT, VERMONT.

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BARTON.

Population, Census of 1900, 2,790.

The town was granted October 20, 1781, to Colonel William Barton, Ira Allen and their associates. Most of the grantees lived at Providence, Rhode Island. Colonel Barton was an officer in the Continental army, and was a man of great bravery. The charter was not granted until eight years later, 1789. October 21, 1789, the proprietors applied to Luke Knowlton, a justice of the peace at Westminster, who issued a warrant for a meeting of the proprietors at Brattleboro on the second Tuesday of February, 1790. The meeting assembled and Daniel Cahoon, of Lyndon, was chosen clerk. General William Chamberlain was instructed to survey the town, which he did, October 18, 1791. His survey and plan of the town were accepted. In 1794 Colonel Barton came and cleared land and built a log house. Asa Kimball came that same season from Rhode Island, and cleared a few acres.

During the summer of 1795 Colonel Barton raised about forty bushels of wheat, and Mr. Kimball about fifty bushels. During that fall Jacob Eddy came with his family and his was the first to winter in the town.

The town of Barton was organized March 28, 1798; Abner Allyn was chosen clerk. The first representative, Jonathan Allyn, was elected in 1802.

During the summer of 1796 Colonel Barton built the first sawmill, and the following year Asa Kimball erected the first grist-mill.

In 1820 the Congregational society built the first church in town. In 1801 Lemuel Sturtevant opened the first general store, and was followed, in 1805, by Colonel Bangs and Captain Biglow, in 1806 by Samuel Works, and in 1809 by Abisha Goodel. Elias Cobb built a fulling mill for dressing cloth in 1803, and the following year Joseph Owen established a whiskey distillery.

Childs, in his "Orleans and Lamoille Gazetteer," p. 211, gives the names of twenty soldiers of the Revolution and fifteen soldiers of the War of 1812.

Barton rendered splendid service in the Civil war and sent 168 of her sons to serve their country in the hour of her great need.

On the night of July 18, 1876, Barton Landing village was visited by a most disastrous fire, causing a loss of more than $25,000 worth of property.

BALDWIN, Hon. Frederick W., was born at Lowell, Orleans county, Vermont, September 29, 1848. He is of English descent. This branch of the Baldwin family is descendant from John Baldwin, who appears in Billerica, Massachusetts, as early as 1655, and who came from Hertfordshire, England, about 1640. Asa Baldwin, the father of our subject, was born in Cavendish, Vermont, June 28, 1803, married Roselinda Shedd, December 3, 1833, and removed to Lowell, Vermont, when that part of the country was but little except an unbroken wilderness. Here, by stern toil and unremitting industry, he proceeded to hew his honest fortune out of the rugged surroundings. Privation and hardship were his constant companions. But the heart and hand of the sturdy pioneer were of

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BARTON VILLAGE, VERMONT.

BARTON LANDING, VERMONT.

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unfailing strength, and waving fields of grain soon took the place of the unbroken forest. At the time of his death, which took place January 27, 1875, he was occupying the same farm where he first located, one of the best homes in the town. He was an energetic, substantial citizen, and held the office of captain of the militia company of that section. He had two children, our subject being the youngest and only son.

Frederick W. Baldwin was brought up on his father's farm, and enjoyed only such advantages for education as the average Vermont farmer gives his children. He attended the district schools in his native town until he was seventeen years of age, and then for a few years attended, a term or two at a time, the grammar school at Westfield, the Normal school at Johnson, and the Vermont Conference seminary at Montpelier, usually interrupting the continuity of his studies by teaching school in the winter. In 1870 he entered the law office of Powers & Gleed at Morrisville, and was admitted to the Lamoille county bar, at the December term, A. D. 1872, and right away formed a copartnership with General William W. Grout at Barton, which continued two years. Since the dissolution of the firm of Grout & Baldwin, Mr. Baldwin has been in the successful practice of his profession at Barton.

One of Vermont's distinguished judges, who knew him well, once said of him, "He brings to his professional work a strong practical mind, which enables him to forecast results better than many men who display more apparent haste and energy, but who can never see but one side to a case. Mr. Baldwin's professional aim is to reach the best result for his client. In many cases where others would advise a suit he advises a compromise, thus often saving defeat, as well as large expense. By this course he has gained the confidence of litigants, who see in him a disposition to save expense where others would recklessly incur it. But when engaged in a cause he gives to its preparation and trial the most thorough and efficient work. He has been connected with many very important trials in both the county and supreme court." The confidence in his ability and sterling integrity, thus early formed, has never been shaken, but has grown stronger from year to year.

Such a man the public always delights to honor. It is not surprising, therefore, to find political honors and positions of trust awarded him. He is, and always has been, a Republican of the stalwart type, giving liberally of his time and means to the success of his party, local, state, national; but his service has always been statesmanlike and patriotic, rather than political and mercenary. In 1872, he was elected assistant secretary of the state senate, and secretary of the senate for the three succeeding terms. In 1880 he was chosen state's attorney for Orleans county. He has served eight years as a member of the state Republican committee, two as secretary and four as chairman. In 1892 he was one of Vermont's four presidential electors, and, as messenger, took the state's vote to Washington. In 1896 he represented Barton in the legislature,

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FREDERICK W. BALDWIN.

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serving with credit as chairman of the joint standing committee on state and court expenses, and chairman of the joint special committee to investigate the insane asylum, besides being a member of the judiciary committee. In 1900 he was elected senator from Orleans county and was unanimously chosen president *pro tempore* of that body, with second place on the judiciary committee. He is an exceptional presiding officer, and has served often and most acceptably in that capacity. He has served his town and village almost constantly in offices of responsibility. He is prominent in Masonic circles and has been the Grand patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Baldwin is a member of the Congregational church, and an earnest and faithful worker; he has served as chorister, superintendent of the Sunday-school, and is now deacon and chairman of the prudential committee. He was one of the charter members of the Passumpsic Congregational club, has been its president, and is now president of the Convention of Congregational Churches of Vermont.

Along with his professional work he has become a close student of Vermont history and biography, is an active member of the County and State Historical societies, and undoubtedly has the most complete private library of Vermont books in the state. A few years ago he edited and published an elaborate history of the bar of Orleans county, which is a valuable addition to our biographical literature.

In 1873 Mr. Baldwin married Miss Susan Grout, by whom he had one son, Edward Grout Baldwin, A. B., at present principal of Bradford, Vermont, academy. Mrs. Baldwin died in 1876, and in 1878 he married Miss S. M. Hibbard of Brooklyn, New York.

Such, in brief, are the principal dates and plain facts in the life of one whom Orleans county, as well as the state at large, has learned to esteem most highly. His loyalty and steadfastness of purpose are as clearly defined as the printed page. A business associate says of him: "He is a thorough Vermonter, by birth, by education, by sympathy, and by familiarity with the spirit of our institutions."

STODDARD, COLBY. The subject of this sketch was born at East Charleston, Vermont, on April 6, 1877. He is a direct descendant of that sturdy Mayflower pilgrim, Richard Warren, whose daughter, Mary Warren, married Robert Bartlett. Robert Bartlett was born in England in 1603 and died in America in 1676. This marriage resulted in the birth of a son, Joseph Bartlett, in 1638. Joseph died in 1711, having produced Robert Bartlett, 2d, in 1663. Robert, 2d, died in 1718, leaving a son, Joseph Bartlett, 2d, who was born in 1704. Joseph, 2d, died in 1783, leaving a son, Thomas Bartlett, who was born in 1741. Thomas Bartlett died in 1808, leaving a son, Daniel Bartlett, who was born in 1780, and a grandson, Thomas Bartlett, who afterwards became Vermont's famous advocate, "Lawyer Tom." Daniel Bartlett was the father of Betsey W. Bartlett, who was born at Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1807 and died at East Charleston in 1900. Betsey married Joseph L. Stoddard, who was

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born in Walpole, Vermont, February 22, 1800, and died at East Charleston in 1893. This marriage resulted in a family of nine children. One of these, George Bartlett Stoddard, was born at Burke, Vermont, in 1844. In 1872 he married Augusta A. Chaffee, who bore three sons, Clayton Bartlett in 1874, Colby in 1877, and Fred Comfort in 1882.

Colby was educated at the common schools of Charleston and later graduated at Derby academy. Upon the completion of his education at Boston university in 1899 he entered the law office of Bates, May & Simonds at St. Johnsbury. After three years of study and observation he was admitted to the bar of Vermont in October, 1902.

COLBY STODDARD.

In November of the same year he opened an office at Barton Landing, where he is now enjoying a successful and constantly increasing practice. He is a wide reader, close student, and is strongly Republican in politics.

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BARROWS, CHARLES ALFRED, merchant, of Barton, son of William Locke and Helen (Gray) Barrows, was born in Barton Landing, October 18, 1863. He received his education in the public schools of Barton, Coventry, and Morrisville. At the age of twenty, Mr. Barrows commenced the mercantile business as clerk for Burbank & Williams of Coventry. After clerking three and one half years, he resigned his

CHARLES A. BARROWS.

position and purchased Lyman Dwinell's stock of general merchandise in Glover. During his stay in Glover, of nearly eight years, he also bought out the J. P. Ellis store and in March, 1895, closed out this entire stock and went to North Troy, where he purchased Durkee & Barrows' stock of general merchandise with his brother, H. A. Barrows, as partner. In 1898 he bought his brother's half interest and in May, 1903, bought the Hon. H. C. Cleveland stock in Coventry, which he closed out soon after at auction, buying the O. D. Owen's stock of goods, Barton, the following December. Mr. Barrows is a 32° Mason. In politics he is a Republican; his church preferences are Congregational.

Mr. Barrows, in 1887, married Mary Louise, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Jones) Parker of Coventry. They have one son, William Parker Barrows, born November 26, 1888. Mr. Barrows has always been interested in matters of public interest. He has served as school director and lister.

LEWIS, REV. SAMUEL GRANT, was born in Hardwick, August 12, 1868. His early education was received in the village school; at fifteen he entered Hardwick academy, remaining two years. He then spent nearly four years in Montpelier seminary, completing the course of study required by the Methodist Episcopal church, for the ministry, and was ordained deacon on April 12, 1896, and as elder on April 24, 1898.

Mr. Lewis entered the ministry at the early age of twenty-two. For more than one hundred years there has been a preacher in the Lewis family. His father, the late Rev. Daniel Lewis, was born in Pleasant Valley, in Underhill, Vermont, February 8, 1832, his father's family consisting of twenty children. The senior preacher always held charges in Vermont. His uncle, the Rev. John R. Lewis, familiarly known as the poet preacher, became famous as an evangelist. The *Northern Christian Advocate* gave a lengthy and

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well-deserved eulogy of him at the time of his death.

On June 6, 1894, Mr. Lewis married Miss Lulu May Estelle, and there have been born to them six children, all now living.

In the year 1900 Mr. Lewis represented the town of Danville, Vermont, where he was then located, in the legislature. Mr. Lewis has always taken an active interest in the cause of education, and when located in Newport Center he served as superintendent of schools in that town, and has also accept-

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT BARTON LANDING, AND REV. SAMUEL G. LEWIS.

ably filled that important position in the town of Barton for the past two years.

Mr. Lewis is an indefatigable worker, and is active in every interest making for the betterment of society. The church over which he

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now presides, a fine engraving of which is presented herewith, has made great advancement, both in material and spiritual progress under his pastorate, having just completed improvements on the church to the amount of some $700.

Childs "County Gazeteer Directory," published in 1883-'84, says: The Methodist church, at Barton Landing, was organized by Israel Putnam in 1846 with fifteen members. It appears, however, that it was the Rev. George Putnam who organized the church on that date. But the organization was really completed in 1850, while Rev. A. L. Cooper was pastor. The names of the first official board were Harris Smith, Thomas Fairbrother, and Joseph Stafford. Justin Bigelow was class leader, there being twenty-six members, only two of whom are now living.

The present board of stewards includes some of the best-known persons in Orleans county. They are Joseph Bartlett, W. C. Twombly, Z. D. Goodnough, A. E. Ordway, George E. Cole, C. S. Gibb, J. H. Bartlett, A. W. Wiley, David Harriman, J. B. Flint, S. B. Stoddard, Mrs. O. E. Dodge, and Mrs. Daniel Skinner.

TURCOT, Rev. Joseph, pastor of the St. Paul's Catholic church at Barton, was born in Montreal, Province of Quebec, in the year 1859. He was educated in Montreal college, and graduated from the theological department in 1883. He was ordained to the priesthood, and served as secretary of the bishopric of Montreal one year. After a year spent in travel in Europe and the Holy Land, Father Turcot served nine years as assistant curate of the Church of Sacred Heart, Montreal. He has officiated three months at St. Albans and ten years at Barton, during which time the society has steadily grown under his experienced guidance, having recently erected the new church, an excellent cut of which we give herewith. This church is one of the most complete and beautiful church edifices in northern Vermont. About

Rev. Joseph Turcot.

the year 1854 a mission was organized in this village, since which time Catholic services have been held here. The completion of the railroad to Barton in 1857 brought several additional Catholic families, either Father MacCauley or his assistant, Father Raymond, of Stanstead, coming occasionally to conduct services at some private residence in the parish. In 1878 Oliver and Joseph Valley gave to the society a cemetery on the May Pond

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St. Paul's Catholic Church, Barton, Vermont.

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road. In 1873 Father Michaud took charge of the meetings, and services were held in the village school hall. Later Fathers Rerlidan, Proulx, Yvenec, and Clermont officiated until 1893. In 1878 the society purchased the Congregational church, and in 1892 moved it to where it now stands. In 1894 the beautiful residence, occupied as a parsonage, was bought, the Rev. Joseph Turcot having become pastor of the church the previous year, since which time, under his earnest and untiring labors the society has steadily grown in numbers, having at the present time an average Sunday attendance of about three hundred and sixty members.

On Sunday, March 9, 1902, the Right Rev. Bishop Michaud of Burlington dedicated the site for the new St. Paul's Catholic church, the impressive services, in connection with the laying of the corner-stone, taking place on the following 18th of May; there being present the Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan of St. Albans, who delivered a most interesting address; Rev. Fr. Clermont of Newport, Rev. Fr. Pontbriand of Lyndonville, and the pastor, Rev. Fr. Turcot. Dedicatory services were held on May 24, 1903, being largely attended by members of all local religious bodies, the same distinguished clergymen being present and taking part in the solemn exercises. On this occasion, Fr. O'Sullivan delivered the address, in which he referred to the interest of Protestant denominations in the completion of the church. Space will not permit of a detailed description of this imposing house of worship here. Some of the stained windows are very beautiful and expensive, all being contributed by friends of the society. The belfry is graced by a very conspicuous and convenient clock. It may be added that the cost of the church is $14,000.00.

JOHNSON, The Rev. William Curtis, son of Curtis Elkins Johnson and Amanda L. Woodworth, was born in Bradford, Orange county, April 4, 1848. He is of Puritan descent. His ancestors on both sides came to this country and settled in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Mr. Johnson's maternal great-grandfather, Joseph Parkhurst, was a captain in the Continental army, and his maternal great-grandfather, Timothy Woodworth, served as a Revolutionary soldier at the same time. They were among the pioneers of Vermont, settling in Tunbridge and Royalton, and were prominent in the early history of this state; they were forced to escape for their lives when Royalton was burned by the Indians. His paternal great-grandfather settled in Hartford, Vermont, and his paternal grandfather left Vermont at a very early date and settled in Joliet, Illinois, and died there.

Mr. Johnson removed with his father's family to Northfield, Vermont, in 1861; was educated in the common schools and academies at Bradford and Northfield; and when ready for a collegiate course, circumstances were such that he was compelled to take his father's business, and become the main support of the entire family. During those years he pursued theological studies all possible, and was examined by Rev. L. C. Dickinson, and took his first license to preach from Rev. P. N. Granger, in April, 1886; was

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admitted to the Vermont conference in 1889. His first charge was the M. E. church at Irasburg, where he remained for five years, which was then the time limit, and was superintendent of their schools for three years. In 1894 he took the double charge of Lyndon and Lyndonville, preaching there for five years; during that time the church at Lyndon was remodeled, and the chapel at Lyndonville was built into a convenient modern church. He was in close touch with the people of all classes, and in 1898 was sent as representative from that town, also for three years superintendent of schools. In 1899 he moved to Newbury, which at that time had four preaching stations, viz.: Newbury, West Newbury, South Newbury, and Newbury Center. This work was successfully carried for one year, and the church at Newbury put into fine shape, with memorial windows and general repairs; but his health would not permit of so large a circuit, and in 1900 he came to Barton, where he has since labored and still resides.

REV. WILLIAM C. JOHNSON.

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Mr. Johnson was a fine musician, leader, and teacher of bands, and was director and leader of one which took the name "Johnson's Military Band" of Lancaster, New Hampshire. When he left there, they presented him with an imported silver cornet, together with a framed engraving of the names of all the members, which he keeps to their memory.

March 19, 1884, he married Mrs. Julia M. (Chandler) Brigham of Derby. From this union two children were born: Marie Woodworth Johnson, December 27, 1885; William Curtis Johnson, Jr., December 14, 1888.

Mr. Johnson is a member of Crescent lodge, No. 41, I. O. O. F., and of Keystone chapter, No. 16, R. A. M., Barton, also Malta commandery, No. 10, K. T., Newport.

REV. WILMOND A. WARNER.

WARNER, REV. WILMOND ASHLEY, the present popular pastor of the Congregational church, Barton, was born in Milton. He was educated at Johnson Normal school, St. Albans academy, and Oberlin college. He has held pastorates

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also in Pawlet and Bethel. He was chaplain of the senate in 1896, and of the house in 1900, and has been chaplain of the Sons of Veterans. He is a member of the Killington Commandery, Knights Templar, of Rutland.

The great esteem in which this beloved pastor is held by all who know him is the direct and logical result of great natural endowment, coupled with a steady devotion to study and a profound loyalty to his early aspirations and the claims of his high calling. A strong sense of duty and responsibility has permeated his strenuous life and animated and solemnized his whole career from boyhood. Endowed with a mind rich in poetic imagery, yet comprehensive in its scope, and generous in its store of acquired knowledge, added to a natural brilliance as an orator, Mr. Warner easily takes rank among the successful Vermont clergymen.

He married Miss Emma H. Spaulding of Fairfield, and his family consists of Lida J., born June 15, 1887, and Clayton C., born January 11, 1889.

JOSLYN, HUBBARD, was born in Waitsfield, Vermont, March 5, 1810, the son of a country physician. The family is of English descent, the name originally being Jocelyn. Dr. William Joslyn, born in Weathersfield, studied his profession with Dr. Corbin of Newport, New Hampshire. Here the young physician married Rebecca Perry, a lady of rare faculty and strength of character. This family is also of English descent. Anthony Perry, born in England, was among the early settlers of Rehoboth, Massachusetts. Commodore Perry and the authoress, Sarah Orne Jewett, are found in this line.

He was the fourth son in a family of 13 children. His education was limited. His boyhood was spent in hard labor on the paternal farm. In the fall of 1840 he came to Brownington and began the manufacture—by hand—of spade cultivators. With the aid of a blacksmith to apply the castings, he completed three hundred that winter. A natural mechanic, he possessed the Yankee faculty of turning his hand to any employment. While here he made churns extensively and bedsteads. In 1845 he located at Derby Line and engaged in the stove and tinware trade. Sherbrooke was then in its infancy, Coaticook was not, Newport had not dreamed of its future greatness. Here was the metropolis and its business advantages were well improved. He dealt largely in sugar utensils and bought sugar, sending it to Brandon in exchange for stoves. He had an extensive trade in the Eastern Townships. While in trade here, another dealer, with Hon. Justin S. Morrill as a silent partner, came in with the declared purpose to run Joslyn out. The latter said to his old customers, "I will bid with the gentleman as long as he desires, but you must take his stove in the end." When prices had reached a ruinous point he was diligent in sending customers, well supplied with money, to his rival, who soon found himself run out. He closed out this business sometime in the fifties. For years he lived and kept an office at Rock Island. Long after he abandoned the business, he was be-

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sieged by his old customers for loans. In 1877 a farm in Salem came into his hands. He there projected the annexation of the town to Derby, which he successfully accomplished.

Mr. Joslyn never married. At the age of twenty he was the victim of epilepsy, induced by overwork. It blighted his hopes and hampered his efforts for more than twenty years. He recovered at an age when few escape its toils and less without impairment of mind. A shrewd, close financier, when his will was aroused by attempts to overreach him, he counted not the cost, in the accomplishment of his purpose. This led to extensive litigation and in his frequent tilts with cross-examining lawyers he rarely came out behind.

HUBBARD JOSLYN.

His muscle was of steel. To him action was a pleasure. To the poor and honest debtor, whose conduct enlisted his sympathy, he was lenient to a fault. Deprived of the refinements of home, he was indifferent and often eccentric in his personal appearance. His vanity

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was like that of old "Daniel Gray" who

"Wore his hair unparted, long and plain,
To hide the handsome brow that slept below it,
For fear the world would think that he was vain."

He was a fluent and forcible talker with a keen sense of humor, social and jovial. A critic by nature, he was a master of sarcasm and invective. His ambition was confined to a single channel. For office he had neither time nor taste. A directorship in banks, both in Vermont and Canada, was repeatedly declined.

At the age of seventy, when men rarely change, he was converted under the labors of Rev. Hollis Jordan.

He died October 19, 1890, at the home of his sister in Barton Landing, aged 80 years. With his indomitable will, energy and courage he overcame disease and obstacles, accomplished a large work and left a large estate.

JONES, Hon. Horace S., a son of Ezra and Hannah (Taylor) Jones, was born in Waitsfield, Vermont, May 10, 1813, one of a family of nine children who lived to maturity. His ancestry is traced to Deacon Josiah Jones, who came to Weston, Massachusetts from Wales in 1663.

Hannah Taylor was the daughter of Colonel Elias Taylor of Hartland, Vermont.

His wife was Marcia Goss, sister of David Goss, 1st, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Rev. Ezra Jones, of New York, a brother of Judge Jones, died at the age of 83 years. A sister, Mrs. Barnard, of Barton, at 86. Mrs. Manley, of Dorset, Vermont, at 96. Mrs. Fisher, of Barton Landing, still survives at 94.

Judge Jones was educated in the schools of his town and at Montpelier academy. His love of independence led him to abandon the project of a college course. He taught school for many years. In 1838 he came to Coventry to the farm on which he lived 44 years. He was a successful farmer and gained a competence. He was also successful in a higher sense.

He represented Coventry in the legislature of 1852, working and voting for Vermont's first prohibitory law. He was reëlected in 1853, after a contest on that issue. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1870. From 1872 to 1876, he was assistant judge of the Orleans county court, Judges Redfield, Peck, and Powers presiding.

In expressing to Judge Peck his want of confidence in his own judgment, this eminent jurist replied: "Our opinions agree as well as those of any judges of the supreme court." In 1882 he moved to Barton Landing, where he spent "a green old age." He died May 19, 1896, at the age of 83 years.

He was twice married, to sisters of the late Hubbard Joslyn. Five children were born to them, only two of whom lived to maturity.

His golden wedding was celebrated September 3, 1895. He was a member of the Congregational church at Waitsfield and Coventry. A man of broad views and humane feelings, the old time

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creeds were repugnant to his nature. He believed that greater light was yet to dawn. This increased with his years.

Judge Jones was a man of unquestioned integrity and spotless reputation. Of sound, conservative judgment, he held his own opinions quietly but firmly and was tolerant of the opinions of others.

An extensive reader, he kept abreast of the times and the best in literature. He looked on the bright side of life and held a large faith in humanity. He was eminently a social man, and in all the relations of life the kindly, genial, mirthful spirit was especially prominent. His life was filled with quiet, unostentatious deeds of kindness and charity. "He went about doing good." The influence of such lives is a legacy to the race.

HORACE S. JONES.

"They throng the silence of the breast,
We see them as of yore,
The kind, the true, the brave, the sweet,
Who walk with us no more."

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JONES, CHARLES H., the only child of Horace S. and Harriet (Joslyn) Jones, was born in Coventry, Vermont, May 9, 1847. His mother, a lady of great refinement and fine mental endowments, was a sister of Hubbard Joslyn. He received his education at St. Johnsbury and Derby academies, where he took the highest rank as a scholar and debater. He fitted for the junior class in Dartmouth college, but was unable to complete his college course, owing to weak eyes and impaired health. At Derby he was a classmate of Charles A. Prouty. Each there formed a high estimate of the other and a strong friendship ensued.

After leaving school he spent some time in the South. He read law with Judge Thompson of Irasburg, but his health did not admit of active practice. In 1882 he came to Barton Landing and was appointed register of the probate court by Judge Austin. He held

CHARLES H. JONES.

this position for ten years and often had entire charge of the business of that office. He acted as judge in one of the most complicated insolvency cases which came before the court and his thorough mastery of the legal questions involved was apparent. He declined to be a candidate for the office of judge, for which his fitness was acknowledged.

He resigned as register to settle his uncle's estate, the largest in the county, and whose extensive business interests he had managed for some years previous.

For three years he was superintendent of schools in Coventry. Mr. Jones has never been an office seeker. Books and affairs of national and world-wide interest are more congenial than the scramble for place. He is a strong Republican, but belongs to no other society or sect, although he is an earnest supporter of the church. He is a close student of finance along broad lines, and has written for financial and other journals. He is the master of a pure style of terse and vigorous English. His campaign lines, "Tom Reed of Maine," which first appeared in the *Monitor* in 1896, were widely published in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

Early in life he showed marked talent as a speaker. It has seldom been used since his student days. In 1889 he delivered an address before the Orleans County Historical society, which received high praise. In 1896, at the state convention to choose delegates to the national convention, he presented the name of Charles A. Prouty. In the language of Judge Powers, who nominated Senator Proctor, "he outdid us all." At the district convention in 1898 he presented the name of General Grout for congress. This speech attracted wide attention. Colonel Hooker, the veteran politician who nominated Judge Reed, pronounced it one of the finest he ever heard in a convention.

On June 10, 1891, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Cora G. Humphrey of Barnston, Quebec, a lady of rich character and worth. The promise of a most happy union was suddenly broken. She was buried just three months from their wedding day.

STANNARD, HARRY J., a son of L. J. and Grace (Kimball) Stannard, was born at Berkshire, in the state of New York, May 2, 1870. He received his education in the public schools of his native town and the Newark Valley Free academy, supplemented by a full course at the State Normal school at Cortland, New York, from which he graduated in 1891. He began his work of teaching as principal of the graded school at Locke, New York, where he remained until he came to Barton in the fall of 1893 as principal of the Barton academy and graded school. At that time there were 140 pupils in all, and only nineteen in the high school department; five teachers were employed in the schools. Professor Stannard at once took steps to increase the school in size and efficiency, to enlarge its scope and character, and build it up in public favor. The results are that the school now numbers 320 pupils, with ninety in the high school, with

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a force of nine teachers. A certificate of graduation from the school admits to the various colleges.

Professor Stannard is prominent in state educational matters. He was for two years a member of the executive committee of the State Teachers' association, and president of the same in 1903. In December, 1902, he was appointed examiner of teachers for Orleans county, which position he now holds. He is also president of the Barton Lecture association, and has done much to aid in building it up to its present prosperous condition. He is also chairman of the Barton library trustees, and is an extra working member of the board.

Mr. Stannard is a member of Orleans lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M.; member of Keystone chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 16; member of Malta commandery, Knights Templar, No. 10, and has passed the chair of the Blue lodge. In 1902-'03 he served as district deputy grand master for Orleans county. In politics Republican, in church connection Congregational,

HARRY J. STANNARD.

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and has served as clerk of the church six years.

June 23, 1897, Professor Stannard was united in marriage to Miss Nellie E., daughter of Levi P. and Sarah (Leonard) Case of Barton, who materially aids him in his life-work, and together they are important factors in building and promoting the things that are for the highest good of the village and town of Barton.

WEBSTER, ELLERY H., is a son of Albert A. and Harriet (Skinner) Webster, who were married November 24, 1836. Albert A. and his father moved from Littleton, New Hampshire, to Irasburg in March, 1829, driving their cattle and sheep with them, being six days on the road.

Ellery H. Webster was united in marriage to Emeline D., daughter of Philander and Betsey Wright of Newport, on June 9, 1867. Three children have been born to them: Elmer E., Carroll B., and Clarence S.

Ellery H. Webster came near being born in Coventry Gore, but missed it three quarters of a mile, and was born in Irasburg, January 17, 1843. The first sixteen years of his life was spent on the farm, driving the oxen for his older brother to hold the plow, picking up stones, and making dog-wood whistles. At sixteen he entered the printing office of A. A. Earle, and for three years was the devil in charge, spending the most of his time driving the cow two miles to the pasture and back twice a day, feeding the pig, tending a tame woodchuck, and setting up the bar dockets. In the latter occupation he learned the significance of plff., deft., specn., and a whole lot of other law terms, so that in the summer of 1859 he was admitted to the bar (room) of Ralph Nye, where he drank two bottles of Scotch ale, which so "set him up" that he went out on the common and jumped forty feet at three jumps and has never drank any Scotch ale since.

At the printing business he was promoted from junior to senior devil, then to a full-fledged journeyman and worked as such in Hyde Park, Bradford, and Barton, Vermont, Annapolis, Maryland, Winchester, Virginia, New York city, and Nashua, New Hampshire. In 1869 he came from Nashua to Barton and bought the job printing business of A. A. Earle, who had moved the *Orleans Independent Standard* from Irasburg to this place. In December, 1871, Mr. Earle sold his list to D. M. Camp of the *Newport Express* and went to St. Johnsbury, leaving the place with no local paper. January 8, 1872, Mr. Webster issued the first number of the *Orleans County Monitor*, naming the paper after the famous iron-clad that so successfully bumped the *Merrimack* in Hampton Roads. After four years printing the best paper ever printed in Orleans county, he thought he had got enough of the business and sold out to Captain George H. Blake and returned to his first love—the job printing business. In August, 1862, he became so dissatisfied with the slow progress that the Union army was making in ending the War of the Rebellion, that he concluded to enlist himself (in Company F, Eleventh Vermont) and go down and give the general in charge a few

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points. He succeeded so well that he got himself taken prisoner June 23, 1864, and during his sojourn in Dixie visited such popular summer resorts as Castle Thunder and Libby prison in Richmond, Lynchburg, and Danville, Virginia, Andersonville, Georgia, Charleston and Florence, South Carolina, from which place he was paroled December 8, 1864, going into the prisons with fifty-one comrades and coming out with only eight, one of that number dying on his way home, and another soon after reaching home.

At the earnest solicitation of himself and a number of his friends he was made postmaster at Barton under the Harrison administration. But when Cleveland came in he went out and stayed out four years, when the old horse was put back in his stall again, where he still continues to hold down the office.

BLAKE, THE LATE GEORGE H., the subject of this sketch, was born in Sutton, April 27, 1836. His great-grandfather, Enoch Blake, was one of the first settlers of the town. His grandfather, Stephen Blake, cleared a large farm near the center of the town, became a successful farmer, later a merchant and manufacturer, built a grist-mill and starch factory, and was a prominent business man of the town, dying in 1861. John C. Blake, father of George H. Blake, was a nephew of Rev. John Colby, a noted evangelist in his day, and still held in great respect by the Free Baptists of the country. John C. Blake married Tamar Pillsbury, daughter of Jonathan Pillsbury, one of the earlier settlers of Sutton. George H. Blake was the oldest child of the family. His only brother, Rev. A. B. Blake, is a retired Methodist preacher living in Barton. His two sisters, the late Mrs. H. F. Pillsbury and the late Mrs. S. H. Preston, at the time of their decease were residents of Barton.

Mr. Blake lived a very busy life. His father went to California when he was fourteen years old, and as a boy the responsibility of helping care for and support a family fell to his lot. For three years he worked hard with his mother to care for the family. On the return of his father, the boy learned the millwright's trade, at which he worked for some years, picking up his education in select schools, Newbury academy, Orleans Liberal Institute, and elsewhere. He began to teach when seventeen years old, teaching winters, with an occasional term in select schools at Hardwick academy, etc. Having practically obtained a college fitting, he was about to enter college, when the war broke out and he gave up his college for a place in one of the volunteer regiments, enlisting in Company G, Fifteenth regiment, Vermont volunteers. Chosen a first lieutenant, he was soon promoted to a captaincy and made an honored record. He served with Lieutenant-Colonel William W. Grout and Colonel Redfield Proctor. After returning from the war he came to Barton, where he spent about a year in the law office of General William W. Grout, afterwards entering into a lumbering partnership, the Orleans and Caledonia Steam Mill company, in Sutton. Later he accepted the editorship of the *Orleans County Monitor*, which he published for twenty-two years, until his decease on February 26, 1898. He was held

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in the highest respect in the towns where he resided.

He was school superintendent in Sutton, and was chosen representative, while temporarily residing there, in 1872. On returning to Barton he was made town representative in 1876. In 1886 he was chosen county senator from Orleans. He was a public-spirited man, a leader in all those enterprises which tended to bring prosperity to the village or town.

Mr. Blake was a man of sterling moral character, excellent judgment, a wise counselor, a conscientious Christian gentleman.

He had the courage of his convictions, and made the *Monitor* a power for good, promoting the right and opposing the wrong. While making no pretensions to oratory, few men in the state were listened to with deeper interest, or wielded a greater influence. He ever had the well-being of the community at heart, and deemed no sacrifice too great to accomplish this object. He was liberal to the poor, charitable toward the erring, and kind to all. He filled many responsible positions creditably, and all knew he would never sacrifice principle for preferment of any kind. For many years he was a faithful steward in the Methodist church at Barton, and was one of its chief supporters.

GEORGE H. BLAKE.

Mr. Blake married Frances A.

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Burnham of Woodbury, June 19, 1866, and they had one daughter, Mrs. Mary Jacobs.

JACOBS, WILLIAM L., is the son of Henry A. Jacobs, and was born

WILLIAM L. JACOBS.

in Middlesex, Vermont, October 3, 1873. He attended school at the high school in Montpelier and later became a student at the Montpelier Seminary, where he graduated in 1894.

He accepted a position as assistant editor of the *Orleans County Monitor*, published at Barton. He soon purchased an interest in the paper, and at the death of the editor, Mr. Blake, in 1898, he became its sole owner. Under his management the *Monitor* has maintained its standing and the business has prospered. He married Mary T. Blake, daughter of George H. Blake of Barton, in August, 1894. Two daughters, Frances and Helen, and one son, George H., have been born to them.

CLEMENT, DR. TRUSTAM, was the father of seven children. Deacon James Clement, his son, was born in Waterford, New Hampshire, December 21, 1811, and his wife, Rosina Massy, born March 29, 1817, and is now living. To them were born nine children: Walter H., J. B., Julie W., Sylvia A., Austin O., Leonard M., James M., Heman W., and Ida C. J. B. married Mrs. Olive W. (Pearson) Kent, November 29, 1866, she having one daughter, Mary I. Kent, now Mrs. Dr. J. F. Shattuck of Wells River. To J. B. and O. W. Clement were born two

J. B. CLEMENT.

children: Frank D., May 5, 1869, now a successful jeweler and merchant in Barton Landing; Etta L., born December 4, 1874, and died two years later. Frank D. married

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Miss Blanche R. Dodge December 6, 1894. To them three children have been born: Ralph H. in 1895, Verne P. in 1898, and Theodore D. in 1902. J. B. Clement, the subject of this sketch, has lived in Barton Landing village since 1873 and been prominent in village work. The family are Congregationalists.

BARRON, EDWIN W., son of Lorenzo D. and Sarah (Turner) Barron, was born at Charleston, September 5, 1851. His great-grandfather Barron and his great-grandfather Bly were both soldiers in the War of the Revolution and were in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Edwin W. Barron was educated at the West Charleston academy. After attaining his majority he was employed as clerk in a store at Charleston for three years, then owned and operated a store in that town for five years. In 1885 he came to Barton, and in company with C. E. Hamblet purchased and conducted a general store where his present new store (which they erected in 1896) now stands.

In March, 1900, Mr. Barron purchased his partner's interests in the store and has since conducted the same alone. He carries one of the largest and most complete stocks of general merchandise, including a full line of drugs, of any store in this section. Mr. Barron has been selectman of Barton two years, justice of the peace six years, is a

EDWIN W. BARRON.

BARRON'S BLOCK, BARTON, VERMONT.

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member of the F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F.

On October 5, 1881, he was united in marriage to Nell L. Young of West Charleston. They have, now living, two children, Harley Roy and Ruth Mae, both students at the Barton high school.

Mr. Barron is a business hustler and successful in his mercantile affairs.

JOEL F. WRIGHT, M. D.

WRIGHT, JOEL FITZ, M. D., Barton Landing, Vermont, where he has been in constant practice since his graduation thirty-two years ago. Dr. Wright's literary education was obtained in the common schools and academy of Coventry. He began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. M. Currier of Newport, meanwhile teaching school to pay his expenses during his professional education. He pursued medical lectures at Burlington, and afterwards graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in the spring of 1872. During the winter and spring of 1883 he took a post-graduate course at Bellevue college, New York. By the utmost frugality and perseverance he was able to start in professional life unburdened with debt.

As a medical practitioner, Dr. Wright enjoys a peculiar confidential and social standing which makes him a valuable factor in the community. He has acceptably served as health officer of the village, and has been for some years a member of the board of medical examiners for pensions. He is a member of the Orleans County Medical society, and a member of the Vermont Medical society. He is a charter member of Philemon lodge, Knights of Pythias, and surgeon for the E. L. Chandler company.

In 1873 he married Naomi G., daughter of Deacon William Spencer, who died in 1881, leaving one son, Fred S., a graduate of University of Vermont at the age of twenty, class of '94, and in 1896 a post-graduate of Yale college. He is now a junior partner of the law firm of Hosford & Wright of Woodsville, New Hampshire. In the year 1886 Dr. Wright married, as his second wife, Miss Helen J., daughter of Deacon S. B. Parker of Coventry, who deceased in 1901.

It is seldom we are called upon to chronicle a more interesting fact in the biography of a physician, than the statement that Dr. Wright has, for more than thirty-two years, been located at Barton Landing, within an hour's drive of his paternal homestead, and among early friends.

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He is one of the ten children of Erastus Wright, a long-time resident and respected farmer of Coventry. The ten children of Erastus Wright are all living with three exceptions. Riley E. and M. Willis are successful lawyers at Baltimore, Maryland. Fred is a fruit farmer in Oregon. Hugh is interested in mining in Colorado. Homer is a farmer in Coventry.

Dr. Wright has also shown a commendable interest in the business of his village and town, having been a heavy loser in the burning of the Barton tub factory recently, which did not deter him from joining in the reconstruction of the new plant now nearly completed, under the firm name of Stevenson, Wright & Valley, Barton, Vermont, which will employ about fifty hands. (Referred to in another part of this work.)

LANG, FRANK B. (Barton, Vermont). Jacob Lang, the grandfather of the subject of this this sketch, moved from Bath, New Hampshire, to Charleston, Vermont, about 1827, with his family, consisting of a wife and nine children.

Charleston at that time contained only a small number of families and but little of the forest had been cleared away.

He was a soldier of the War of 1812, taking an active part in the same. He bought a tract of land and begun a farm where Martha Davis now lives, and his youngest son was born there on the 24th of March, 1830. His name was Alexander C. Lang. He died January 31, 1899. Mrs. Lang died October 12, 1895. He learned the carpenter's trade, yet farmed most of his life. He was married to Angelia Handy, November 19, 1857. Her people came to Charleston about 68 years ago from Bethlehem, New Hampshire. There were ten children. Her father's name was Rufus Handy. He was a farmer.

Father and mother Lang lived most of the time in Charleston, only a year or two in Dakota. They had two children, Mrs. C. E. Blood, of Charleston, and Frank B., of Barton, born June 29, 1862, in Charleston. Frank obtained his education at the common schools of the town, his health preventing any further study. He worked at the carpenter's trade with his father summers, and in a store winters for several years. Fourteen years ago he began to train horses and drive in races. He had always been a great lover of horses and skilful in managing them. He drove his first race at North Troy, in the three-year-old race, getting third money, fifteen years ago. He drove and cared for the fast horses of General William W. Grout for eight years, and this is the third year he has worked for F. T. Holder.

Frank B. Lang and Lillia A. White were married at Craftsbury, November 23, 1887. They have three children: Mildred A., born September 24, 1888; Glendolene M., born September 10, 1890; Clarence A., born February 8, 1900.

Lillia A. White was born in Greensboro, September 30, 1863. She was educated at Craftsbury academy, graduating in 1882, then at Johnson State Normal school in 1885. She was the youngest of ten children, the daughter of Royal and Mary (Patterson) White who, if they live till November, 1904, will

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celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. White was born in Pasley, Scotland, in 1816, coming to this country eighty-two years ago, living in the vicinity of East Craftsbury ever since. She was the daughter of John Patterson and the eldest of twelve children. Her father built the first mill and log house where Lowell, Massachusetts, now is located. He owned the stage route from Craftsbury to Boston, and run it for a number of years.

Mr. White was born in Craftsbury, 1815, living in that vicinity all of his life. He was the son of Jason and Clarissa (Trumbull) White, the eldest of ten children. His grandfather, Robert Trumbull, was the first settler of Craftsbury, starting in there about 120 years ago. He was a soldier of the Revolution.

Mr. White was simply a farmer, living fifty-five years on one farm where he started in, clearing a farm of 175 acres.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK B. LANG.

LANG, GEORGE CHESTER, was born at Charleston, May 28, 1866. His education was obtained in the district and high schools of Island

Pond, Derby academy, and Montpelier Methodist seminary. His grandfather on his paternal side was the well-known Jacob H. Lang, born at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, February 6, 1780, who served in the War of 1812. His grandfather on the maternal side was Elijah Young, born at Danville in 1813. His great-great-grandfather on the maternal side, Samuel Jackson, served in the Revolutionary war and took part in the famous battle of Bunker Hill. The Lang family is of Scottish origin.

The father of George C. Lang, the subject of this sketch, was born in Charleston, May 1, 1825, where he now resides. He married Cordelia A. Young, born at Waterford, March 1, 1834, who deceased in 1884. There were born of this union three children: Mrs. A. R. Campbell of Morrisville; Mrs. E. F. Hobson of Chicago, and the son, George C. Lang.

The father took an active interest in public affairs, and held several offices in his town, particularly at Island Pond, where he moved about 1869. He was by occupation a farmer.

George C. Lang early showed signs of mechanical genius, and decided to learn the watch and jewelry business, and began the study in the office of B. E. Shaw of Newport, in 1885, later engaging with R. C. Parsons of Rock Island, Province of Quebec, and later still with F. E. Healey of Morrisville. Desirous of further perfecting himself, he took a course of training in Parsons' Horological institute, of La Porte, Indiana, from which he graduated with honors in 1889. He then returned to Morrisville and purchased the business of Mr. Healey, soon taking as a partner his brother-in-law, A. R. Campbell, to whom he sold out in 1896, and located in Barre for himself. By strict attention to business and fair dealing he built up a good business, and sold out, coming to Barton in November, 1897. His store ranks with the best in the state, carrying

GEORGE C. LANG.

a stock of $10,000, and does a steadily increasing business. Mr. Lang also fitted himself in optics, by study at La Porte, and with Dr. Sanborn of Boston, and is second to none in this line, having an extensive practice throughout northern Vermont. He is a member of Orleans lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M., of Barton.

Mr. Lang married Miss Minnie M., daughter of Dr. E. W. Slayton

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of Warren, October 21, 1891, and there has been born to them one son, Albion S., February 1, 1894. Dr. Slayton was a practising physician in Warren for many years. He represented his town in the legislature two terms, and was elected to the senate from Washington county in 1896. Mrs. Lang received her education in the public schools of Warren, and at People's academy, Morrisville. She is a member of Orient chapter, No. 113, O. E. S. The Slayton family are direct descendants of Dr. Samuel Fuller who landed at Plymouth in 1620. Mr. and Mrs. Lang became members of the Congregational church at Morrisville in 1895.

SEAVER, HARLEY T., son of Gilman W. and Eliza (Rowell) Seaver, was born at Albany, Vermont, July 24, 1860; was educated at public schools and at St. Johnsbury academy. In company with his father and brother, Ezra T. (see Troy, Vermont), he was engaged in the hardware business at North Troy. In 1884 he came to Barton and opened a store alone, which he has since operated with good success. He is the owner of the large block (see engraving) in which are several stores, shops, offices, and the largest hall in town.

HARLEY T. SEAVER.

Mr. Seaver is a past master of Orleans lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M., and a member of the Grand lodge of Vermont. He is eminent commander of Malta commandery of Newport. In politics he is a staunch and active Republican. He represented Barton in the legislature 1902-'04. January, 1885, Mr. Seaver married Amanda Davison, daughter of Hon. Amory Davison of Craftsbury. Two children have been born to them: A. Clemma, born March 24, 1889; Amory D., born July 15, 1893.

TAPLIN, MERRICK MANSFIELD, of Barton Landing, son of Richard and Susan (Ordway) Taplin, was born in Irasburg, June 8, 1851. He received his education in the public schools of Irasburg and Glover, Vermont, and Wolfeborough, New Hampshire.

Owing to the death of both parents, he was thrown upon his own resources at an early age. He decided to devote himself to a business career, and in 1868 began to deal in cattle and horses. In 1881 he added to his already increasing business a large stock of wagons, sleighs, and horse furnishings, at the same time forming a copartnership with Dr. George B. Rowell of Irasburg, under the firm name of Taplin & Rowell, thus building up an extensive and remunerative business.

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H. T. Seaver's Block, Barton, Vermont.

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In 1887 this firm began dealing in real estate and lumber, now owning a large amount of timbered land and ranking among the first dealers in the state, under the able management of Mr. Taplin.

While quite a young man Mr. Taplin began local auctioneering, developing an unusual talent in this direction and acquiring a wide reputation. His services are now in constant demand over a large area, he being called to do especial work in this line in every state throughout New England. Much of this being the sale of real estate in many of the largest cities.

Mr. Taplin is a strong Republican, and has held many offices of trust, having been lister in Irasburg for ten years previous to removing to Barton Landing in 1891, where he has served as selectman and lister, representing the town of Barton in the general assembly of 1900, and is now serving as one of the trustees of the Barton Landing graded school, which position he has held for eight consecutive years. He is also a

MERRICK M. TAPLIN.

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musician of no mean ability, and has taken an active part in this work both in his home towns and throughout Orleans county.

Mr. Taplin is a strong philanthropist, and has done much in building up the now thriving village of Barton Landing, and is one

state, he having served many terms in the legislature, both in the house and senate and filling state offices of trust. (See Lyndon.)

Of this union is one son, Charles Rogers Taplin.

GRAVES, HARRY S., son of Preston H. and Almira S. (Jenkins)

MR. AND MRS. HARRY S. GRAVES.

of the heavy supporters of the Congregational church.

He married March 23, 1887, Susie E., daughter of Hon. Charles and Mary (Melvin) Rogers, Mr. Rogers being one of the prominent men in Caledonia county and widely known throughout the

Graves, was born in Kirby, February 5, 1865 (see Graves family, Kirby), was educated at the common schools of his native town, lived with his father on the old farm until attaining his majority, after which he was in the employ of George Ide of Lyndon for some

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years. On April 19, 1893, he was married to Junie A., daughter of Cephas J. and Amanda C. (Powers) Trefren of Lyndon (see C. J. Trefren, Burke). In 1894 they bought and moved on to a farm in Lyndon, where they remained some two years, when they sold the farm and lived one year at Mr. Trefren's. Then he worked one year at the Speedwell farms. In 1898 he bought out the domestic bakery and confectionery business of G. O. Clifford at Barton, and has ever since owned and successfully operated the same. Harry also owns a pretty cottage at Foster's Grove, Lake Willoughby, where he takes an occasional outing.

HORACE C. PIERCE.

PIERCE, HORACE C., son of Horace and Mariah (Cooley) Pierce, was born at Barton, Vermont, October 14, 1850. He was educated at the public schools and academy of his native town, also at the Derby academy. When his school-days were over he entered the employ of E. F. Dutton as clerk in the drug store at Barton, where he succeeded, not only in mastering the

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profession of his employer, but also in winning the hand of his daughter, Altha, to whom he was united in marriage, September 9, 1874.

The fruit of this union is one son, Fred Dutton Pierce, born March 3, 1882, who was educated at the schools in Barton, also at Dean Academy and the Boston School of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in the spring of 1903 and is now with his father in the drug store.

In the autumn of 1885, after the fire which burned the Dutton store, Mr. Pierce bought out the remaining stock of Mr. Dutton, and in the spring of 1886 moved into his present quarters in the Owen block, where he conducts one of the largest and best arranged drug stores in this section of Vermont.

In June, 1903 Mr. Pierce was elected president of the Vermont Pharmaceutical association.

Mr. Pierce has been a trustee of the Barton academy and graded school since 1893, village and school treasurer since 1886, town treasurer since 1889, vice-president of the Barton savings bank since its organization, was president of the Barton Hotel company from the building of the Hotel Barton until it was sold to H. F. Pillsbury. He is a past master of Orleans lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M., past high priest of Keystone chapter, No. 16, past eminent commander of Malta commandery, No. 10, at Newport, and is at present grand junior warden of the Grand Commandery of Vermont.

WALCOTT, Edward A., one of a family of four children of Andrew and Hannah (Drew)Walcott, was born at Wheelock, Vermont, April 29, 1872. In 1878 his mother died and the family moved to Sheffield, where they resided until Edward was sixteen years of age. They then moved to Glover, and Edward was with his father in a mill some five years. His educational training was in the public schools of Sheffield and Glover. In 1895 he entered the employ of the late E. T. Wilson at Barton. After one year he became a partner with Mr. Wilson one year, then worked with William H. Jenks at Newport, then opened a studio in Seaver's block at Barton, which he

Edward A. Walcott.

sold and went to St. Johnsbury and worked with O. W. Chase one year, then went to Newport again, in the employ of H. H. Pratt for three years. In the spring of 1903 he bought out the old E. T. Wilson studio at Barton, where he is now located.

Mr. Walcott's business extends over a large section which is constantly increasing. He does all the photograph work for the Percival Manufacturing company and furnished many photographs for this book. Mr. Walcott has never married.

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PEARSON, Dr. Josiah Artemas, dentist, first saw the light at Berlin Corner, Vermont, April 24, 1855. He comes of Revolutionary

Josiah A. Pearson, M. D.

stock, his grandfather, Stephen Pearson, having served under Colonel John Stark and others. His father, Dr. A. N. Pearson, was a physician by profession, and for thirty-five years served as postmaster of Berlin, and was active in fraternal circles. Dr. J. A. Pearson, the subject of this sketch, received his preliminary education in the common schools of his native town, and at the Vermont Methodist seminary. He studied dentistry with Dr. C. R. Pell of Montpelier, with whom he practised two years, coming to Barton, March 17, 1879.

He married for his first wife, Finette I. Alden, daughter of Deacon Jesse Alden of Irasburg, in 1881, by whom he had two children: Erwin A., who is a machinist, in charge of the Peerless Manufacturing company's machines at Concord, New Hampshire, and Clara E., now living at home. His wife dying in July, 1894, he married, as his second wife, in 1896, Mrs. Annie M. Bridgman, daughter of W. F. Scott of Glover.

Dr. Pearson has been clerk of the schools of Barton village from March 31, 1891, to the present time. He is a 32° Mason, a Knight Templar, a Shriner, a past master of Orleans lodge, F. & A. M., P. H. P. of Keystone chapter, R. A. M., P. N. G. of Crescent lodge, No. 41, I. O. O. F., also past presiding officer of several other social and beneficial societies. He was made a member of the supreme council of Select Templars, T. of H. and T., in Boston, is a past vice-president of the Northeastern Dental society, and past president of the Vermont State Dental society. Dr. Pearson, being gifted with a fine literary taste, is frequently invited to read papers before the dental and other societies. He is an attendant upon the Congregational church of which he is treasurer.

WHEELER, Clarence A., was born April 18, 1856, at Brownington, where he resided with his parents until the age of thirteen, when the family moved to Derby. His education was gained in the district schools and the Newport high school, from which he graduated at the age of seventeen, working during the summer seasons. He has never learned any trade or profession, but has been known as a general business man, making a prefer-

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ence for lumber dressing and creamery butter making.

On February 17, 1904, Mr. Wheeler bought Charles Foster's gents' furnishing and ladies' shoe business, at Barton Landing, to which he has added the picture frame business. This is the only exclusively boot and shoe store in Barton Landing, and Mr. Wheeler is putting in such repairs in his store, which, with a complete stock, will make the establishment one of the best in the county. Mr. Wheeler handles exclusively the famous Amos P. Tapley & Co. shoes, which give general satisfaction wherever worn.

Mr. Wheeler's father, Abel Wheeler, was born February 17, 1829, at Lyndon, and died at Hartford, Connecticut, April 25, 1902, aged seventy-three years.

His mother, Sarah Jane Beede, was born in Albany, December 24, 1827, and is now living at Hartford, Connecticut. There were five children born: Clarence A., Morris J., Jesse B., Florren A., and Herbert Hilas, deceased. Morris and Florren now reside at Hartford, Connecticut, and Jesse resides at Westfield, Massachusetts.

The grandfather of Clarence, James Wheeler, was born in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, July 26, 1795, and died May 15, 1861, at Brownington, Vermont. The grandmother, Sallie Wilson, was born at Swanzey, New Hampshire, June 3, 1799, and died August 31, 1859, at Brownington. There were born to them nine children, only two of whom are now living, Silas at Lagrange, Illinois, and Persis Spencer at West Concord.

Clarence, the subject of this sketch, was married to Miss Etta A. Colby of Charleston, daughter of Roswell and Hannah Colby, on July 2, 1880. There have been born to them three children: Bernice M., born January 15, 1885; Carroll M., born May 27, 1893; and Hazel E., born September 8, 1897, all living. Bernice is now in Burdett's Business college, Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Wheeler is a Republican in politics, and has taken an interest in school matters, having served as school director. His church affiliations are the Methodist.

BUSWELL, Dr. Arthur True, is the eldest of two sons born to John Cromwell and Samantha C.

Dr. Arthur T. Buswell.

(True) Buswell, late of Barton. His father was for many years one of the staunch men of his town, highly respected for his judgment,

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particularly in matters of law. His mother was of unusual refinement and Christian virtue, beloved by all who knew her.

Arthur T. Buswell obtained his early education in Barton academy and graded school, remaining on the home farm until the death of his mother in 1876, when he went to Boston and continued the study of medicine, begun with the late Dr. A. N. Ruggles, in the offices of Dr. S. A. Vibbert and H. G. Newton. Having gained a knowledge of hydrotherapy, he secured a good practice in Boston, pursuing, meanwhile, advanced studies in the Boston evening schools. In 1877 his attention was called to Christian Science, and he completed a course of study with its founder, at Lynn. He soon became prominent as a writer, lecturer, teacher and preacher, and traveled in the interest of the movement. He was for some years secretary of the Massachusetts Metaphysical and other societies. Some of his lectures and sermons have been published and extensively read, notably, "After the Transfiguration." He has for some years contributed occasional articles to the Boston press, and magazines, chiefly on advanced medical and religious subjects, biography, etc.

In 1886 he graduated from the Vermont Medical college and in 1889 finished a two years' course at the New Church (Swedenborgian) Theological school, of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In 1893 he married Miss Lizzie M., only daughter of the late Benjamin H. and Susan B. (Gill) Needham, of Boston, and there have been born to them three sons: Elmer N., Arthur T., and Henry W.

In 1899, owing to his father's decline and death, he moved his family from Boston to Barton, where he has since resided.

Mrs. Buswell is a zealous worker in the Congregational church and several local organizations. Dr. Buswell is a firm believer in the principles of Christian Science, and purely natural methods of treatment, but is not affiliated with the movement.

MUSSEY, SAMUEL BOYNTON, was born in Coventry. He obtained his education in the common schools of his native town, and at Barton and St. Johnsbury academies. He was the son of the late

SAMUEL B. MUSSEY.

John Wyatte and Clarissa (Boynton) Mussey, who came from Amherst, Massachusetts, and Westmoreland, New Hampshire, respec-

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tively. There were born to them five children, only two of whom are now living, Mrs. Elma A. (Mussey) Miller, now residing at Barton Landing, and Mrs. Jennie A. (Mussey) Speakman of Chicago, Illinois.

John Wyatte Mussey was a prominent man in his day, in business, and was honored by election to the office of justice of the peace for many years. He was a man highly honored by all who knew him.

Samuel B. Mussey, the subject of this sketch, was a man of unusual promise, having a brilliant intellect, and evincing, at an early age, those characteristics which lead to eminence in any high calling, having attained his education and taught as principal, in both the Barton and St. Johnsbury academies at the early age of twenty-two years, at which time he was unfortunately stricken with illness and died. Mr. Mussey was a genial, kind man, and believed in governing his pupils by kindness appealing to the better nature than by the rod. He will long be remembered as a teacher and a friend. He was never married. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity.

FOSTER, FREELAND HYSON, was born in Barton, December 4, 1849. Soon after his father moved to Irasburg, where his early life was spent on the farm. His education was gained in this town, and in New York city, where he subsequently spent several years in the employ of the Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine company.

Returning to Vermont, he married Miss Ida L. Gillis, daughter of David Gillis of Barton Landing, and settled in the town of Westmore in 1880, and for twenty years resided on the shores of Willoughby lake, where he laid out and built up the popular summer resort known as Foster's Grove and camping ground.

In the year 1892 he was honored by election to the office of town representative, and served on the committee of internal improvements, taking an active part in the act that brought about the town system of schools. He also held every office in the gift of the town save that of treasurer.

There have been born to him two sons: Howard E., now living on the old homestead in Irasburg, which has been in the Foster family for fifty-one years, and a younger son, Maynard Everett, now living at home.

FREELAND H. FOSTER.

Mr. Foster's church home is with the Congregational society, and he took an active part in organizing the church at Westmore, since

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which time he has been one of its deacons.

NELSON, ETHAN S., was born in Wheelock, on September 3, 1839, where he obtained his early education, and where he lived until his majority. At the age of twenty-one he married Emily A. Taft of Sutton, Vermont, and was engaged in farming in that town six years, owning three different farms. He then bought and carried on the paternal homestead at Wheelock eight years, and later was four or five years at Lyndon. Mr. Nelson came to Barton in 1877, and successively owned the Kimball farm, Taylor farm, and his present excellent place, which was the former homestead of the well-known Dr. Adams. This farm now contains about 200 acres, and in fertility, buildings, and location is easily in the front rank of local farms. Mr. Nelson keeps from twenty to twenty-five cows, making his selections more with reference to individual merit than to blood. It will be seen from this long and varied experience, that Mr. Nelson has had an unusual training in this honorable vocation. While he has made farming pay in the past, the prices for the past few years have not been as encouraging as formerly. Mr. Nelson, however, is optimistic with regard to New England farming in the future.

E. S. NELSON'S FARM BUILDINGS, BARTON, VERMONT.

Mr. Nelson is a stalwart Republican. Has served his town several years as overseer and has been lister.

Mr. Nelson's first wife having died, he united in marriage with Miss Marion Miller of Glover, in 1882. By the first marriage there

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were three children: Charles T. (deceased), Fred E., and Mabel A. L., who is a teacher.

COLLINS, Ira D. R., was born in the town of Corinth, August 20, 1831, the fourth and youngest son of Charles and Susan (Currier) Collins. He received his education in the district school and Corinth and Bradford academies, taught school several terms in those towns, and, in the spring of 1853, located on a farm in the town of Wolcott, his parents accompanying him.

January 4, 1854, he was married to Mary E. Tenney, daughter of Hon. A. C. and Levina Tenney of Corinth. During his residence in Wolcott of twenty-one years he filled various elective town offices, and represented the town in the legislatures of 1863 and 1864.

In 1872 his father, Charles Collins, died at the age of eighty-two, and two years later, December 17, Mr. Collins moved to Barton Landing and entered the mercantile and lumber firm of Austin, Joslyn & Company, as partner. This partnership continued until 1876, when it was dissolved and Messrs. Joslyn and Collins continued the mercantile business until the spring of 1896, when they sold the business to O. W. Locke. Mr. Collins represented the town of Barton in the legislature of 1878-'79.

His mother died in 1894 at the advanced age of 99 years, 7 months, and 17 days.

After selling the mercantile business in '96, Mr. Collins was without any special business until '99, when he bought the fire insurance business of C. H. Willey, and still continues in this business.

In politics he has always been identified with the Republican party since its organization. Religiously he is a Congregationalist.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins have one son, Edward D. Collins, who was educated in the public school, fitted for college at Lyndon institute, graduated from Yale with honors in 1896, took a three years' graduate course, making a specialty of history, and received the degree of

Ira D. R. Collins.

Ph. D. at Yale in 1899. He then served as instructor in history at Yale the two following years and in 1902 wrote a school history of Vermont which was issued from the press of Ginn & company, Boston, in the fall of 1903. He is now located in Montreal as superintendent of the Canadian Carbonate company.

COLE, George Elbert, was born in St. Johnsbury on September 21,

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1866. His father, Hollis Durkee Cole, and mother, Emma Ann Parker, were both Vermonters, of Puritan stock. Mr. Cole's early educa-

GEORGE E. COLE.

tion was gained in the public schools of his native state. In 1876 his parents moved to Massachusetts, George and an elder brother accompanying them, returning to Vermont in 1895 and locating in West Charleston.

In June, 1897, Mr. Cole moved to Barton Landing, where he has been constantly engaged in conducting a steadily increasing photographic business, for which Mr. Cole had been fitted while in Massachusetts, in some of the best studios there, including that of the Chauncy L. Moore gallery of Springfield.

On May 8, 1890, Mr. Cole married Alice Landon French of Springfield, Massachusetts, who has been a very efficient helper in making Mr. Cole's business second to none in northern Vermont. Besides the studio work Mr. Cole produces some of the most artistic outdoor photography found in New England. His photographs of Willoughby lake and of Lake Caspian, where he is a frequent visitor during the summer months, are very popular.

Mr. Cole is a past chancellor of Philemon lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias, and a member of the local camp, No. 9505, Modern Woodmen of America, and also a steward of the Methodist church.

COWLES, ASAHEL READ, of Barton, son of Leonard and Emeline (Gray) Cowles, was born in Craftsbury, May 26, 1845. He re-

ASAHEL R. COWLES.

ceived his early education in the public schools, Coventry high school, and Brownington academy, and studied music with James and

Albert Whitney of Boston. At the age of twenty-two Mr. Cowles began teaching vocal music in Vermont, New York, and Canada. In 1877 he commenced the sale of musical instruments and during the past twenty years has devoted himself exclusively to the piano and general music trade and has his main office at his spacious warerooms in the Bank block in Barton, which he finds a centrally located town from which to conduct his steadily increasing business. Mr. Cowles also has branch warerooms at Enosburg Falls, Vermont, and employs several traveling salesmen.

Mr. Cowles has for many years been a Mason, having joined the pioneer Meridian Sun lodge in Craftsbury in 1867 and is now a member of Orleans lodge, No. 55; he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is always interested in all that pertains to its welfare and that of the community. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Cowles, in 1871, married Hattie E., daughter of William P. and Lydia (Andrus) Titus of Craftsbury. They have two sons: Harry E., now with the Boardman & Gray Piano Co. of Albany, New York, and Percy W., who is associated with his father in business.

PERCIVAL, CHARLES F., was born in West Glover, Vermont, July 10, 1853. He is the eldest of two sons, his brother, Fred H., now residing in Glover. The sire, Captain Orson Percival, as he was familiarly known, was the eldest son of Asher Percival, of Norwich, Vermont, and Laura (Spaulding) Percival, of Craftsbury, Vermont. She was the daughter of Benjamin Spaulding, a veteran in the New Hampshire state troops under Captain Paine, in the Revolutionary war. Captain Percival was born at West Glover, Vermont, February 4, 1817, his father dying when he was but seventeen years of age, leaving a large family of small children. Orson became the head of the family, taking his father's place until they were grown. He married, in June, 1847, Miss Maria D. Frasier, of Albany. In 1844-'45 he was honored with the office of captain in the 14th Regiment of Uniform Light Infantry of Vermont. His early married life was spent on a farm near the village of West Glover. From there he moved to Craftsbury, where he remained one year, then moving back to West Glover, where his two sons were born. From West Glover he moved to Albany, thence to Burke, and later returned to West Glover. Later he located in Barton and finally settled in Glover, where the last sixteen years of his life were spent, and where, at the home of his son, Fred, he died on December 2, 1896, at the age of 79 years.

In his later years he took much pleasure in writing the family records of the oldest inhabitants of the town, which biographies appeared from time to time in the *Orleans County Monitor*. He kept a systematic and accurate record of the weather and the principal events of the town in the *Vermont Register*, and had preserved these records since 1840. He was at great pains to get the facts for a history of the town of Glover, including a minute account of Runaway Pond. This was the most complete history ever written of

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the town, but was unfortunately destroyed by fire before its publication.

Captain Percival, from time to time, held various important offices in the several towns where he resided. He was a staunch Republican from the birth of the party, a man of unusual natural endowment, and, although his early opportunities were limited, he, by persistent effort, gained a good education, and became known and respected for his fine literary tastes and abilities as a local historian and ready writer. It is interesting to note of his father, Asher Percival, that in 1806 he came from Norwich (Vermont) and commenced a settlement in Glover on a lot of land later known as the Mills place. He taught the first

ORSON PERCIVAL.

school kept by a male teacher in Irasburg, on Burton Hill, in Captain Burton's back kitchen. He was clerk of the first school district in Glover for twenty years. His wife was also a successful school teacher. They raised a family of eight children—two sons and six

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daughters. Asher Percival died August 25, 1834. The mother died August 14, 1870, in the seventy-sixth year of her age.

Charles F. Percival, the subject of this sketch, early showed signs of mechanical genius, which has enabled him to build up and superintend one of Barton's most valuable industries. It was with a commendable pride that Mr. Percival showed the writer a footstool, having nicely turned legs, which he made when a lad of twelve years in a miniature mill, having a water wheel, pulleys, belts, shafting, etc., all made from the crudest material which his youthful hands could pick up about his country home. At the age of fifteen, in March, 1869, he bound himself for two years to C. H. Dwinnell of Barton, to learn cabinet making, going to school winters. At eighteen, a partnership was formed with Mr. Dwinnell, and the firm continued the manufacture and retailing of the furniture and undertaking business until September, 1873, when Mr. Perci-

CHARLES F. PERCIVAL.

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val bought out the entire business, and the March following formed a partnership for its continuance with Mr. F. T. Forsaith, which partnership continued until October 22, 1877, when it was purchased entirely by Mr. Percival, who continued the same until May 1, 1889, when he exchanged the business with the late J. P. Baldwin for the water privilege and the land upon which is located the present buildings of the Percival Furniture company. This enterprise had its inception about 1889, and the present company organized in January, 1897. The fact that the institution began operations on a small scale and that it has since developed its business and reputation until its products are familiar to the trade over the eastern portion of the United States, renders this business worthy of more than usual consideration. The factory, as it stands to-day, consists of six buildings, having a floor space aggregating 36 thousand square feet. Forty efficient workmen are given constant employment. The power for operating the large amount of general and special machinery is furnished by the outlet of Crystal lake, developing at this point about one hundred horse-power. The products of the factory consist of lounges, couches, students' chairs and rockers, foot-rests and bed lounges, Morris chairs and lodge furniture. From the rough, raw material of maple, ash, oak, and red birch some of the most exquisite designs in frames are here produced, and the year's designs placed upon the market by the Percival Furniture company are equaled in pleasing effect by those of but few factories in the United States. In couches their dovetailed construction is superior to any other make extant. In their frame work they have produced a construction that had never before been attempted, and most of the designs are exclusive. The Percival Furniture company judiciously acts upon the principle that the best is the most profitable for their customers, and, in the long run, for themselves also. The present members and officers of the company are Messrs. C. F. Percival, president; O. D. Owen, vice-president; C. C. Baldwin, treasurer; and Fred J. Percival, clerk. President Percival was the original founder of the business, and it has grown under his influence and direction to its present highly prosperous proportions and now has few competitors equal to keeping abreast with them upon the market. Mr. Percival has been the leading spirit from the beginning. He is a man of great push and ability and devotes his entire personal attention to the interest of the institution.

On September 29, 1875, Mr. Percival married Miss Nancy A. Cassidy of Barton, and there were born of this union: Nellie M., February 22, 1877, who died at eleven years of age, and Fred J., September 18, 1880, who is now clerk of the company and has charge of the carving department. Mrs. Percival having died in May, 1891, Mr. Percival married, March 7, 1900, for his second wife, Miss Emma L. Clark, a highly accomplished teacher of Springfield, Massachusetts, and

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there have been born to them, Lois E., May 13, 1901, and Laura M., November 19, 1903.

Mr. Percival has always shown a deep interest in all that pertains to the best interests of his town, county, and state. He was the first to advocate the present town system of water supply, and the efficient high potential system of electric lighting, enjoyed by Barton and surrounding towns, is chiefly the result of his superior knowledge of modern electric lighting and public spirit. He was chosen chairman of the board of investigation and since its completion has been elected by acclamation as its manager for eleven successive years. For the past seventeen years he has been an enthusiastic Mason, having passed all the chairs in Orleans lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M. He is also a member and officer of Keystone Chapter, No. 16, and is a member of Malta Commandery, No. 10, and of Orient Chapter, No. 16, O. E. S.

SKINNER, FRENCH & Co., whose principal business office is at Barton Landing, is a co-partnership composed of Chauncey S. Skinner and Carl D. French of Barton Landing, and Dean C. French, formerly a resident of the same place, but now residing in Boston, Massachusetts.

This enterprising firm commenced business in 1892, purchasing a tract of about twenty-five thousand acres of timber land in Maine. They immediately set about clearing the streams and building dams, and erecting their mills, which are on the line of the Canadian Pacific railroad at the junction of the north and south branches of the Moose river. Here has grown up the little mill village of Skinner, composed of about twenty-five buildings, comprising saw and dressing mills, box shop, store, post-office, boarding-house, schoolhouse, and houses for the families of the help. The average annual output of said mills is about seven million feet of spruce.

Chauncey S. Skinner was born February 1, 1850, in Newport, Vermont. He is of American parentage and received his education in the common schools. He began his business career as clerk in a general merchandise store at Barton Landing. In 1874 he bought a half interest in the hardware business of his brother, Daniel Skinner, and in 1875 purchased the remaining half. In 1876 he sold out half of his interest to P. Guild, and after the expiration of one year, Mr. Guild bought the balance.

In 1878 he purchased the grist-mill property, repaired the buildings, and increased the business. In 1883 Fred C. Brown bought a half interest in the business and the firm, Skinner & Brown, continued the business for nine years. Mr. Skinner, in 1883, went into the lumber business with E. L. Chandler near Newport Center. In 1888 he bought out Mr. Chandler's interest and continued the business for several years. He early exhibited those traits of character and that business tact which, in after life, contributed to the success of a career, which, to say the least, has been satisfactory in its results, both as regards the man himself and a well-earned reputation of a successful business life.

Mr. Skinner represented the town

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MILL PROPERTY OF SKINNER, FRENCH & CO., LOCATED AT SKINNER, MAINE. HOME OFFICE OF THE COMPANY, BARTON LANDING, VERMONT.

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of Barton in the state legislature in 1888, and was an industrious, popular, and efficient member of that body. He has been an ardent and liberal supporter of all matters that have contributed to the best interests of his village and town.

On June 1, 1875, Mr. Skinner married Miss Ella A. Brown and they have had born unto them the following children: Fred Chauncey, Ray Brown, Roy Daniel, and Ruth Marguerite. Fred C. was born September 7, 1878. He graduated from St. Johnsbury academy in 1898, and also from Albany Business college in 1899. He died May 10, 1902, at the age of twenty-four years. He was a most promising young man of fine attainments, both as a business man and a valuable assistant in the conduct of the mill business, genial in temperament, and a general favorite with all who knew him, and his loss was deplored by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Ray B. and Roy D., twin brothers, were born August 2, 1884. They graduated from the graded school of Barton Landing with honors of scholarship and are now completing their course of study at the University of Vermont. The daughter, Ruth M., was born July 10, 1891.

The senior member of the firm, Dean C. French, was born in Glover, February 11, 1839. He was educated in the common schools and Glover institute. At the close of his school days he became interested in business enterprises and developed into a leading man of business. For many years he was in the lumber business in Orleans county as a member of the firms of Chandler, French & Co. at Barton Landing, Caswell & French at Holland, and the Lowelltown Lumber company of Lowelltown, Maine.

He is a shrewd business man, of genial, kindly temperament, valuing his prosperity chiefly as it enables him to help others to help themselves. He is a great reader and deep thinker, well informed on all issues of the day and a public-spirited citizen.

June 9, 1861, he married Miss Adelaide H. Dwinell of Glover, who died in 1883. Three children were born to them: Inez N., born May 7, 1863; Carl D., born January 23, 1866; and Meta D., born January 11, 1876, and died July 1, 1878. In January, 1893, he married Mrs. Elmina Blake.

Inez early showed a talent for music and after graduating from St. Johnsbury academy entered the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, from which she graduated four years later, and after two seasons of study in New York she went abroad, where she studied for two years and a half in Leipsic and Paris. The last years of her life were spent in Binghamton, New York, where she died July 13, 1897.

After graduating from St. Johnsbury academy in 1886, Carl D. French, the junior member of this firm, became a partner of the Lowelltown Lumber company, and also of Whipple, French & Co., of Barton Landing. As a citizen, he is among the enterprising men of his village and town, an active and generous supporter of all measures that contribute to the mental, moral, and material interests of his community. November 24, 1891, he

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married Miss Annie E. Richmond. They have two sons: Gerald Dean, born March 12, 1893, and Paul Kendrick, born March 29, 1897.

VALLEY, OLIVER, was born in West Glover, Vermont, October 20, 1847. His father, Moses Valley, moved to Vermont from Canada. At the age of twenty Mr. Valley married Miss Rosilla Pauquett. They have one adopted child, Mrs.

OLIVER VALLEY.

James Revour, who resides with them.

Oliver and his brother, Joseph, some years since, bought a tract of wild land in the May Pond district. This beginning has resulted in adding to Barton one of its finest farming districts in the county. Some six years since this partnership was dissolved and a younger brother, Israel, joined Oliver in the stone business. This firm has produced some of the best bridge work in northern Vermont. Among other substantial improvements in which Mr. Valley may be mentioned is the tub shop, employing some fifty men, and the Dr. Pierce block, one of the best tenement houses in town. Mr. Valley has also been very active in building the new Catholic church, which is a great credit to the society.

STEPHENSON, WRIGHT & VALLEY COMPANY, THE, of Barton. This firm owns and operates one of the finest plants for the manufacture of high-grade spruce butter tubs in New England, and is one of Barton's more recent business acquisitions, being an outgrowth of the C. B. Harding company, burned out on the same site a few years since, all three members of the present company having been financially interested in that concern. This enterprising firm was organized in the fall of 1903, and has nearly completed a most convenient and well-equipped factory. The main building is 39x96 feet, two stories and basement, to which has been added a kiln 20x102, and a large storehouse capable of storing about 60,000 tubs. Being situated near the railroad, and on the shores of Crystal lake, its convenience for handling logs by rail and water is second to none, enabling the company, by the aid of the latest improvements in machinery, to work its stock without loss of time or labor into handsome and well-finished goods, at the rate of 1,500 tubs per day. The plant is operated by a 150 horsepower engine and a 100 horsepower boiler. The new company expects to turn out from 300,000 to 500,000 tubs per annum, and a ready market is awaiting the prod-

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uct, chiefly in the West. The goods are preferred to the hand-made tubs, and are very popular; the staves being shaved lengthwise and not sandpapered, do not absorb the moisture. The four sizes, 10, 20, 30, and 50, are usually furnished on special contracts exclusively, with an increasing demand. About fifty hands are to be employed, most of whom reside in Barton.

Mr. Stephenson, the senior partner, is a well-known merchant at Lowell, Vermont; the second partner of the firm is Dr. J. F. Wright, who for the past thirty-two years has been established in practice at Barton Landing; Mr. Oliver Valley resides in Barton village, where he is well and favorably known as a business man.

STEPHENSON, WRIGHT & VALLEY CO.'S MILLS.

GOODHEART, GEORGE P., was born in Louisville, Province of Quebec, in 1861. His father, Desire Goodheart, was born in the same town, as was, also, his mother. His father died there at the age of forty-eight, and his mother at sixty-nine years of age. His grandparents, on each side, were French Canadians. They were thrifty tillers of the soil. The father of George was a natural mechanic, and taught his son the carpenter's trade, in which Mr. Goodheart has won distinction.

Mr. Goodheart's first building enterprises were at Three Rivers, Province of Quebec, where, among other buildings he had his first experience in church construction, for which he has special capabilities. At Lenoxville, Province of Quebec, he had charge of extensive church construction. His next important contract was that of the new and beautiful Catholic church at Barton, which is pronounced one

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of the best constructed churches in northern Vermont. Mr. Goodheart had entire charge of this creditable work.

GEORGE P. GOODHEART.

Mr. Goodheart is a single man, and resides with the Rev. Fr. Turcott, giving much assistance in the parish work when not otherwise engaged. He is also an active member of the Catholic order of Foresters.

TURNBULL CREAMERIES, THE. We are very glad to be able to show our readers photographic reproductions of the Turnbull creameries, also a good likeness of Mr. Turnbull himself. Mr. Turnbull's experience should be an incentive for every ambitious buttermaker, for nearly any buttermaker of intelligence with plenty of hard work can hope to do just what Mr. Turnbull has accomplished.

Previous to 1891, Mr. Turnbull was making butter at a small creamery at Glover, and after taking a course at the Vermont Dairy school at Burlington, he went to Barton Landing and purchased a run-down creamery. By diligence, hard work and long hours, together with the practical knowledge of butter making (which is only gained by actual experience), he succeeded in putting the Barton Landing creamery on a profitable basis. This creamery was shortly afterwards rebuilt and in 1900 was again rebuilt and practically a new creamery installed, making one of the largest and best equipped creameries in the state. Mr. Turnbull next purchased the creamery at Charleston, later built a new creamery at Newport Centre, Vt., and afterwards built creameries at Albany and Troy, making a total of seven creameries. In 1903 they made 1,483,984 lbs. of butter. It is interesting to know in this connection that Mr. Turnbull's make at the Barton Landing creamery for the first year footed up to but 31,191 lbs.

Mr. Turnbull incorporated his creameries with a paid-up capital stock of $25,000.

Mr. Turnbull is of Scotch descent, possessing the grit and stick-to-itiveness typical of the Scotch race, which knows no such word as fail. He is a man of striking personality and one whose word is as good as his bond. He is very decided in his opinions and not easily changed when once he feels he is in the right. He is a director in the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Co., of St. Johnsbury, and in his part of the state is looked up to as being one of the most successful of business men.

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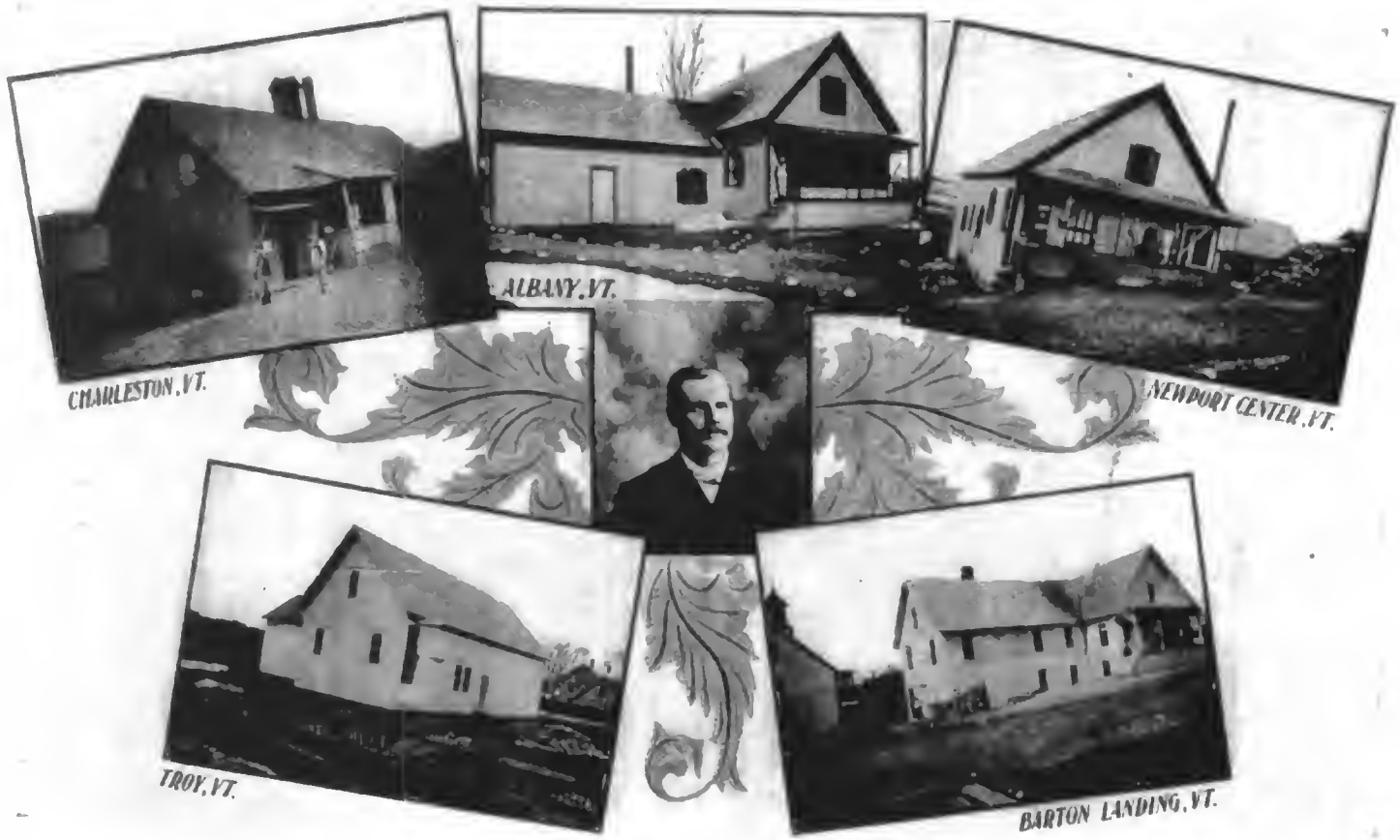

J. G. Turnbull Co.'s Creameries.

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CHANDLER, E. L. Co., Barton Landing, manufacturers of, and wholesale dealers in, dressed lumber of all descriptions; spruce and hardwood flooring, spruce and ash sheathing, cloth boards, packing boxes, butter tubs, piano sounding-boards, bars, bridges, etc.

This business was formerly conducted by the late E. L. Chandler, and was purchased by the Parker & Young company of Lisbon, New Hampshire, June 1, 1899. The officers of the corporation are A. B. Woodworth, president, Concord, New Hampshire; H. B. Moulton, treasurer and general manager, Lisbon, New Hampshire; F. S. Hall, secretary, Concord, New Hampshire. The board of directors consists of the above-named officers together with F. E. Thorpe, I. B. Andrews, H. E. Parker, and Edward Woods.

H. B. MOULTON.

This company is the largest manufacturer of sounding-boards, piano backs, and various piano supplies in the United States, manufacturing

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THE E. L. CHANDLER CO.'S MILLS, BARTON LANDING, VERMONT.

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and dressing at the Barton Landing plant twelve to fifteen million feet of spruce and hardwood lumber per year. They are also large manufacturers of butter tubs and boxes. During the last five years the number employed has increased from thirty to two hundred. The plant consists of two large two-story factories, one about 150 and the other 175 feet in length, both thoroughly equipped with new and improved machinery. Excellent engravings of these factories are presented herewith.

It is estimated that the company owns about one hundred and fifty million feet of growing timber, most of which is in New England. They own and stock several sawmills in the surrounding towns.

DERBY.

Population, Census of 1900, 3,274.

The state chartered the town of Derby, October 29, 1799, to Timothy Andrus and his associates. In 1880 the state legislature annexed the town of Salem, which was originally granted to Josiah Gates, November 7, 1780. This grant failed and Governor Thomas Chittenden, through two commissioners, sold the township to Colonel Jacob Davis of Montpelier, and the charter was issued August 18, 1781.

A survey of the land disclosed the fact that 5,710 acres of the territory was in the town of Derby. A large part of the remainder proved to be unavailable on account of being covered by the lake. In 1816 the town was made still smaller by the annexation of all that part of the town lying west of the lake.

The first settlement in Salem was made by Ephraim Blake, March 15, 1798. The town was organized April 30, 1822.

The first permanent settlement in the town of Derby was made by Judge Timothy Hinman (an extended article by his great grandson, Col. Porter H. Dale of Island Pond, will be found appended). The biography of the Hinmans, Stewarts, and Carpenters makes a remarkably accurate history of this first town of Orleans county.

In the "great conflict" Derby nobly bore her full share and lost in the service four commissioned officers and forty-nine enlisted men.

The Congregational church at Derby was organized in 1806, with sixteen members. The Methodist Episcopal church at Derby was organized in 1830.

DERBY ACADEMY, one of the leading educational institutions in Orleans county, is located in the village of Derby Center, in the midst of a quiet, secluded, and prosperous farming community.

In September, 1840, the school was organized and opened, and was known as "The Literary and Theological institute," but in 1845 the name was changed to Derby academy, and the school was reorganized on a non-sectarian basis. Over thirty years ago a commodious building was erected at a cost of $12,000, and about fifteen years ago a substantial endowment fund was raised among the alumni and friends of the school.

The work done is of the highest order, fitting students for any branch of college work, to teach and to take positions with business houses. Courses in chemistry, physics, elocution, and music, in addition to regular work in English,

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DERBY ACADEMY.

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languages, and mathematics, put this institution fully on a par with other institutions of its class in the state.

Derby academy has been peculiarly fortunate from the beginning, in having as promoters and patrons the prominent and influential citizens of the town and county.

Out of the many who have attended this institution, and gained honor and distinction in the various pursuits of life, and whose honor reflects itself on their alma mater, are: Hon. Redfield Proctor, ex-governor of Vermont and present United States senator from Vermont; Charles K. Adams, ex-president of Cornell university; William Niles, bishop of the diocese of New Hampshire; the late Ossian Ray, ex-member of congress from New Hampshire; the late Judge Benjamin H. Steele of the Vermont supreme court; Rev. Norman Camp; Hoel Camp, Esq., banker, Milwaukee; Hon. Elisha Lane, Newport; the late Edwin Bates and Charles K. Bates, merchants, New York city; Hon. Zophar M. Mansur, ex-lieutenant governor of Vermont; Edgar O. Silver, Elmer E. Silver, and Albert A. Silver, of the publishing firm of Silver, Burdette & Co., Boston, and many others conspicuous in the business world.

An institution of learning which has so creditably sustained itself in the work of preparing young men and women for the struggle of life is a subject of just pride. Its high standing as a school, and its interesting record, its healthy locality and its pleasant environments, its quiet and seclusion, make it an ideal school in which to fit for college or for the business of life.

NATIONAL BANK OF DERBY LINE. This bank was originally incorporated by the state in 1850 as the People's Bank of Derby Line, with a capital of $50,000.00; this capital was increased to $75,000.00, and again in 1865 it was increased to $150,000.00, and was changed to a national bank. The present officers are Hon. Z. M. Mansur, president; Colonel John G. Foster, vice-president; D. W. Davis, cashier; and in addition to these B. Hinman and A. B. Nelson are directors.

Statement of the National Bank of Derby Line at the close of business May 14, 1904:

Resources.	
Loans and discounts,	$400,176.00
U. S. bonds,	40,000.00
Other bonds,	12,900.00
Banking house,	4,000.00
Five per cent. fund,	2,000.00
Due from banks,	27,338.93
Cash in vault,	21,131.30
	$507,546.23
Liabilities.	
Capital stock,	$150,000.00
Surplus and profits,	71,877.76
Deposits,	245,668.47
Circulation,	40,000.00
	$507,546.23

HASKELL FREE LIBRARY. The Haskell free library and opera house was given to the towns of Derby Line, Vermont, and Rock Island, Quebec, by Mrs. Martha Haskell and her son, Colonel H. Stewart Haskell of Derby Line. It is a beautiful building.

Its peculiar location, directly on the boundary line between the United States and Canada, so that one half is a part of the possessions of Uncle Sam, and the other is under the dominion of King Edward, makes it doubly interesting.

The corner-stone was laid by

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Golden Rule lodge, F. and A. M., of Stanstead, Quebec, assisted by prominent Masons from both sides of the line, October 15, 1901. This lodge was established near this site in 1803, at Derby Line, by Judge Timothy Hinman and Major Rufus Stewart, both of whom were great-grandparents of Colonel H. Stewart Haskell, who is himself a prominent Mason.

The building is of granite and buff brick. The first story is of granite, above which buff brick with granite trimmings is used. The roof is slate.

The central entrance is that of the library, and the other that of the opera house. These are entirely separate, but are both in the United States.

The massive and dignified cut granite entrance to the library leads through the loggia with its mosaic-tiled floor into the entrance hall, which has a heavy oak paneled dado and mosaic floor.

At the left of the hall is the general reading room. This is abundantly lighted by seven high windows and ceiling lights in the heavy paneled stucco ceiling.

In the tower corner is a comfortable window seat, while the large fireplace occupies another corner. This is provided with reading tables and modern accessories. Across the hall, opposite the general reading room, is the ladies' room, furnished beautifully in bird'seye maple and delicate tints, with lavatory, fireplace, and wardrobes.

The hall ends in the handsome grill work at the entrance to the rotunda. This has a fine domed ceiling, in the center of which the light shines through an opalescent globe. Heavy paneled oak wainscoting, a mosaic floor with a medallion centerpiece containing the monogram S-H, makes this a very imposing room.

At the left of the rotunda is the conversation room, separated from the rotunda by a lobby and sliding doors. There business can be transacted privately, committees can meet, etc. This is finished in cherry and has a fireplace and a bay window, commanding a general view. Across the rotunda from the conversation room are the librarian's room and the men's toilet.

Back of the rotunda is the stack room, one and a half stories high, 50x22 feet, finished in white enamel, with a handsome stucco ceiling, windows glazed with cathedral glass, amply lighted and practically fireproof.

Provision will be made for the receipt of 10,000 volumes at once, room being left for this to be largely increased when necessary. The public will have free access to the stack room. It will be lighted at night by pendant lights placed over each stack.

The opera house entrance at the easterly end of the building opens into an entrance hall, floored with mosaic, part of which is allotted to the men's smoking room and toilet. A short flight of stairs leads to the mezzanine floor, eight feet above, where is the ticket office, directly above the entrance, and three dressing rooms.

Another short flight leads to the foyer, with its stuccoed ceiling and handsomely decorated walls, and containing the ladies' lavatory. From the foyer entrance is had access directly to the orchestra, with

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HASKELL FREE LIBRARY
AT DERBY LINE, VERMONT, AND AT ROCK ISLAND, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

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inclined floor and provided with the latest pattern of opera chairs.

Stairs lead from the foyer to the balcony, which seats 203, the orchestra seating 297, making 500 in all.

In the tower corner at the rear of the auditorium is a cozy ladies' dressing room, and at the ends of the stage, on the spaces usually given to private boxes, are placed two rooms, one for the stage manager and the other for the musicians.

This room opens directly on to the balcony on the west side of the building. The two dressing rooms on this floor, together with two on the floor above, make nine in all, thus affording unusual facilities for the convenience of entertainers.

The stage is 50 feet wide and 24 deep, and the proscenium arch is 26 feet in width and 20 feet high. The gridiron is 27 feet from the floor.

The stage is equipped with a full complement of scenery, painted by one of Boston's best scenic artists. The appliances for handling it are modern and up-to-date.

The auditorium is handsomely decorated in colors, a quiet green predominating. The proscenium arch and balcony front are done in handsome stucco relief. The building is heated throughout with steam.

The library and opera house, with its endowment, will reach upward of $100,000.

HASKELL, Colonel Horace Stewart, was born at Derby Line, Vermont, August 9, 1860, a son of Carlos F. and Martha M. (Stewart) Haskell. Carlos F. Haskell was a son of Freeman Haskell, a native of Lyndon, who married Fanny Kathan.

Freeman Haskell, a man of force of character and unusual executive ability, located at Rock Island, Province of Quebec, in 1823, and died five years later from injuries received in one of his mills. Coming to the frontier when it was inhabited by little other than wild beasts and wilder men, he quickly built many business houses, including a sawmill, a cloth mill, and an oil mill, all of which he was so soon to leave. His organizing power, energy, and thrift did much to lay a solid foundation to the village of Rock Island. Two children survived him: Carlos F. and Fanny Louise.

Carlos F. Haskell married Martha M. Stewart; settling at Derby Line, he engaged in a mercantile line, meeting with marked success. In 1865 he died leaving one son, Horace Stewart, subject of this sketch.

Few families can trace their ancestry with greater exactness than can Colonel Haskell. Anthony Stoddard, a descendant of William Stoddard of Normandy, a cousin and standard bearer of William the Conqueror, came to Boston in 1639. His son, Solomon, was born in 1643. To Solomon a son, Gideon, was born in 1678; and to Gideon a son, Nathan, was born in 1714; to Nathan a son, Nathan Ashbell, was born August 8, 1742, who married Eunice Sanford of Woodbury, Connecticut. Nathan A. Stoddard entered the Revolutionary army as captain of light infantry, and was in all the engagements near Danbury, Connecticut, and New York city. Gen-

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eral Washington sent him to oppose the British at Lake Champlain. At the battle of Ticonderoga he was taken prisoner and sent to Quebec. From there he escaped, swimming the St. Lawrence river, and, after the hardships incident to the time

HORACE S. HASKELL.

and country, succeeded in reaching his command. He was next sent to the Delaware to defend Fort Mifflin, under General Greene. In the attack on this post General Greene was killed and the command fell to Captain Stoddard, who held the position, and while leading an attack was instantly killed by an eighteen-pound ball. In his work on Judge Timothy Hinman, p. 13, Hon. Norman W. Bingham says: "In the ancestral line, and its immediate branches, were many eminent divines, distinguished statesmen, and prominent soldiers, among whom were Rev. Solomon Stoddard, the first librarian of Harvard college, and his grandson, Jonathan Edwards." Quoting from the same authority, we find that General

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William T. Sherman and his brother, Hon. John Sherman, statesman, scholar, and financier, descended from the same ancestry.

Phœbe, a daughter of Captain Nathan A. Stoddard, was on December 10, 1786, married to Judge Timothy Hinman, who was the first settler of Derby, and in many ways a most remarkable man. (An extensive article on Judge Hinman will be found elsewhere in this chapter.) Eleven children blessed the Hinman household, the ninth, Catherine, born October 26, 1806, and died January 18, 1889.

Catherine Hinman married February 3, 1830, Horace Stewart, a son of Major Rufus Stewart, who was born in 1776 and came to Derby in 1797. He served three years in the War of 1812, being at the battle of Plattsburg; and in 1816 returned to Derby.

Horace Stewart was born at Derby, September 25, 1804. About 1826 he went to Beebe Plain, built a plain but substantial house and soon came to be regarded as one of the foremost business men of his time; a man of commanding figure, even temper, never violating a verbal or written agreement, firm in all business transactions, yet tender and sympathetic, winning an enduring place in the hearts of the people.

Martha M., daughter of Horace and Catherine (Hinman) Stewart, married Carlos F. Haskell. One son, Horace Stewart, was born to them.

Horace Stewart Haskell was educated in the schools of Derby, at Stanstead college, and at Montreal. He served as United States consular agent at Stanstead during both Cleveland administrations, and was appointed an aid on the staff of Governor Josiah Grout, with the rank of colonel. Colonel Haskell has for the past ten years been owner and manager of the International Water-works, which furnish the pure water supply of Stanstead and Rock Island, Province of Quebec, and Derby Line, Vermont.

Colonel Haskell is naturally a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Colonial Wars. He is a 32° Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He takes a deep interest in anything that will benefit the community, and together with his mother has erected and given to Derby Line and Rock Island the magnificent "Haskell free library," which, together with its endowment, will reach upwards of $100,000.

Colonel Haskell takes no part in politics, although serving as a village trustee of Derby Line. He has one son, Tracy S. Haskell, born June 14, 1885.

STEWART, Hon. Emera. Although descended from a family of distinguished soldiers, who had won high renown in the Revolution and War of 1812, Emera Stewart's life was one of peaceful conquests. In the quiet pursuits of husbandry and business he earned a place as high as his ancestors had held in the more conspicuous art of war.

He was closely associated with all the activities of the town of Derby through several decades of the last century.

He was born at the Stewart homestead in that town February 24, 1810, and there was his home during his entire life.

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Naturally of a retiring nature, his keen business acumen and judgment was sought after by his townsmen to direct their affairs in various offices. He was a member of the legislature in 1851 and was elected judge of the county court in 1857. He was prominent in the management of the affairs of the National bank of Derby Line and a director in that institution until failing health compelled him to relinquish all business cares.

He was married June 3, 1841, to Julia A. Daggett, and to them were born two daughters, the late Mrs. Martha J. Branch and Mrs. Clara S. Robinson, now a resident of Newport.

Judge Stewart died May 21, 1886, and with his passing there closed a career which, by its staunch integrity, its wise and generous prudence, and steadfast uprightness, made him a type of the useful citizen of his generation.

EMERA STEWART.

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HINMAN, TIMOTHY.* Timothy Hinman was one of the original proprietors of the town of Derby, and the only one of them who went there to locate. He was born in Southbury, Connecticut, in which state four generations of his Puritan ancestry had lived. After the War of the Revolution, in which he was an active participant, he spent some time in exploring the forests as far north as the Canada line. Several expeditions were made by him to the territory now covered by the town of Derby during the years 1789 to 1795, when, with his family, he made the first permanent settlement in that locality. To this place he was accompanied by a wife of remarkable qualities. She was Phœbe Stoddard, in the line of whose ancestry are found many eminent men, among whom are Rev. Anthony Stoddard and Solomon Stoddard, the first librarian of Harvard college and grandsire of Jonathan Edwards. On the long, tedious journey from Connecticut she brought with her the Bible, and she was one of the founders of the first church in Derby, and for more than half a century was an example and an inspiration to the settlement.

Timothy Hinman surveyed and managed the construction of nearly all the roads as they were first built through the forests for many miles about Derby. When the town was organized he was elected its clerk, and for twelve years he represented it in the state legislature. At the first session of Orleans county court, which was held at Craftsbury, Timothy Hinman presided as chief judge, with Samuel Crafts and Jesse Olds, assistants, and this position he held for some ten years thereafter.

For a long time the Hinman home was the natural center of every enterprise; the traveler sought it for shelter, and neighbors gathered there to outline their plans for the interest of the community; the first school was taught in it, and the first Sunday service was held there, at which Judge Hinman read the sermon.

In response to the conditions that surrounded him Judge Hinman built up the largest mercantile business in that section of the country, having commercial relations with England by way of Quebec, and operating through many retail stores in the different settlements about him. It is easily perceived that his duties and obligations must have been almost immeasurable, and yet he was meeting them successfully and to the great convenience of the early settlers and the advancement of civilization, through a vast territory, when the elements seemed to conspire to overwhelm him—a wreck at sea and embezzlement by his business manager concluded his financial ruin, and under an outrageous statute allowing imprisonment for debt, he was for a long time deprived of his liberty.

There is preserved in these facts a vivid illustration of the crude ideas of justice of those times. When a mere boy, moved by a patriot's desire for the independence of his country, he had left his bloody footprints in the snows of Valley Forge, then, with a like patriotic impulse he had toiled

*Sketch by Colonel Porter Hinman Dale.

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through the pathless forest to this unexplored region, into which he later brought his family to endure with him the privation and make the sacrifice incident to first settlers in such a locality; and yet, after this, regardless of the positions of honor he had repeatedly held, and of his perfectly upright character, the civil code of the times permitted his imprisonment for years, merely because he had been overtaken by financial disaster. This is certainly one of the most impressive occurrences connected with the early history of this state, and reminds one of the same old spirit which put chains on Columbus, and

"Bound these same bones back
through the Atlantic sea
Which he unchained for all the
world to come."

Timothy Hinman

The last years of the life of Judge Hinman were passed quietly in his cottage home, surrounded by much that must have caused reflections that would finally surmount his disappointments and lead him through

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the philosophy of such a life as his to its essential faith. About him, in peace and comfort, lived his children and his grandchildren; he beheld the once wilderness transformed into rich farm lands and the

his character and his life, and who often came to his cottage to learn of the past and to obtain counsel for the future.

Some twelve years ago an address on the life of Judge Hinman was

Porter Hinman

town largely settled by a superior citizenship, many having come from his native Connecticut; and he must have observed to some extent the regard and appreciation in which he was held by his townspeople, who had begun to realize the worth of

delivered at Derby by his grandson, the Hon. Norman W. Bingham. As he stood in the sunshine of that autumn day, surrounded by many descendants of the town's first settlers, beyond him the hillside where sleep the generations just

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preceding, it was an impressive scene, that became solemnly effective as the speaker said, "Finally, on the 29th of April, 1850, he passed to his reward, and on the gentle slope that leads down to the lake, in whose waters he had bathed in the meridian of his life, and which bears his name, after the daring and lofty life of his boyhood, the sturdy struggles of his mature life and the great sacrifices he had made for the colony he had founded, the mortal remains of the soldier, the patriot, the pioneer, the pathfinder and pathbuilder, and the just and upright judge were laid to rest, and the great soul, released from the environments of earth, went forth to higher realms, where worth, not wealth, where noble purposes and deeds, charity and self-sacrifice shall receive the recognition that in this world is accorded only to success."

Porter Hinman, a son of Judge Timothy Hinman, became prominent in business affairs, and was assistant judge of Essex county court. He was born in Derby, lived there, at Charleston, and at Island Pond. At the latter place he died in 1880, and was buried in Derby cemetery.

It is a remarkable fact that the widow of Timothy Hinman's son Timothy is still living, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Carpenter, at Derby Line, Vermont. More than ninety-seven years of age, she retains her faculties in a remarkable manner, still doing rare work with her needle, and having recently completed a beautiful article which she presented to Timothy Dale with an expression of her pleasure that he should bear the name of his great-great-grandfather, Timothy Hinman.

GROUT, Major Josiah, of Derby, whose splendid record as a soldier adorns the Civil war annals of the state, and whose useful public service has extended to the legislature and to the high office of chief executive, comes from excellent New England ancestry, and by marriage represents a distinguished family of the Revolutionary period.

The origin of the family is uncertain, but various differing forms of its name would make it presumably English or German. The ancestor of the American branch was Captain John Grout, who was in Watertown, Massachusetts, as early as 1640, and was subsequently a resident of Sudbury. By profession he was a chirurgeon or surgeon. He was twice married and was the father of eight children by his first wife. His son, Jonathan, of Sudbury, born March 15, 1658, married Abigail Dix, who bore him seven children. Of these, John, born October 14, 1704, was liberally educated and he became a lawyer and magistrate. His son Elijah, born October 29, 1732, settled in Charlestown, New Hampshire, about 1766, held various town offices, like his father was known as Esquire, and served as commissary in the Revolutionary war. He was twice married and was the father of eleven children. His son, Theophilus, born August 29, 1768, served in the legislature, was a justice of the peace, and a collector of revenue under the general government. He was among the pioneer settlers of Vermont, and in 1799 cleared a farm in what is now known as the town of Kirby (see

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Kirby, Caledonia County), which is still in possession of the family, and was the home of the late Gen. William W. Grout. He married Joanna Willard, who bore him eleven children. His son, Josiah, born October 20, 1805, and died in 1874, married Sophronia Ayer, September 29, 1830, who bore him ten children.

Josiah Grout, son of the parents last named, who were both Americans, was born in Compton, Province of Quebec, Canada, May 28, 1842. When he was six years of age his parents returned to the family homestead in Kirby, where he received his education in the public schools, pursuing advanced studies in the Orleans Liberal institute at Glover, and St. Johnsbury academy. He, however, early in the Civil war, laid aside his text-books in response to the call of President Lincoln for troops to suppress the slaveholders' rebellion. He enlisted October 2, 1861, at the age of nineteen years, as a private in Company I, First regiment, Vermont cavalry. Something of the intense patriotism, which actuated the splendid young soldiers of that period, is to be discerned in the fact that in order to enlist, on the day of his leaving school, he walked thirty miles to reach a recruiting station, and so many were the volunteers offering that he applied to three different stations before he could find acceptance. At the organization of the company he was elected second lieutenant, and was promoted to captain in the following year. He saw service in all the principal campaigns of the Army of the Potomac, and bore a gallant part in seventeen different engagements. In April, 1863, in a spirited engagement with the famous command of the rebel Colonel Mosby, he was severely wounded, receiving a bullet which he still carries in his body. He was reported as killed, and it was his singular experience to read notices of his own death in numerous newspapers. His wound necessitated his discharge in October, 1863, with the splendid record of being present at every drill, parade, march, and battle, until he was wounded. When the St. Albans raid occurred in October, 1864, he was sufficiently recovered to be able to again perform military duty, and he recruited a company for a regiment of cavalry organized for the defence of the frontier. He was at once elected captain, and, soon afterwards, at the age of twenty-three, was promoted to major and with this rank he served as commandant of the military post at St. Albans until the close of the war.

Returning home Major Grout studied law under the preceptorship of his brother, General William W. Grout, and after a searching examination he was admitted to the bar of Orleans County in December, 1865. He practised with his brother in Barton for a year, also aiding in editing the Barton *Standard*, of which he was part owner. He then removed to Island Pond, where he had been appointed to the charge of the United States custom house. During his three years' occupancy of that position he practised his profession in Essex and Orleans counties. In 1869 he had charge of the custom

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house in St. Albans, and in the fall of that year was transferred to the custom house at Newport, of which he was in charge until early in 1872, when he abandoned the custom service. While residing in Newport he represented that town in the assembly in 1872 and 1874. His service in this body was most creditable. He proved strong in debate, and sagacious in formulating measures, and in securing their enactment, and soon came to a position of acknowledged leadership. After serving on the judiciary committee during both his terms of service, near the close of the session of 1874, he was elected speaker, and he presided at the last session and during the extra session following, January, 1875, called to provide new buildings for the reform school.

In 1875 Major Grout removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he practised for three years, then removed to Moline, Illinois, where he practised for two years, at the same time acting as president of the Victor Scale company. In Moline he displayed qualities which at once commanded the admiration of the people to whom he came as a stranger.

During the Garfield campaign at various places in the country he made speeches which were received with great enthusiasm, and he found appreciation in two noticeable instances—he was elected to the county board of supervisors and the Republican county central committee addressed to him an earnest note of invitation to become a candidate for congress, a solicitation which he declined in grateful terms.

In 1880 Major Grout returned to Vermont and located on the Hinman homestead in Derby, one of the largest, best improved and most completely equipped farms in Vermont. Here he has since given full scope to his high abilities in a most congenial pursuit, and one which he pursues with genuine enthusiasm, and he is widely known as a most successful agriculturist and stock-raiser, showing some of the most superior Jersey cattle, Morgan horses, and Shropshire sheep to be found within the limits of the state.

Soon after his return to Vermont, Major Grout found a reintroduction to public life. He was elected to the assembly from Derby in 1884, and again took a leading part in that body, and served on the judiciary and other important committees. He was re-elected in 1886 and 1888, and was chosen speaker at both sessions. He made an admirable presiding officer, dispatching business with method and promptness, ruling with instant decision and unassailable fairness, and bearing himself so courteously toward all as to command complete respect. In 1892 he was elected senator from Orleans county, and in that position he gave even higher evidence of his powers as a wise and far-sighted legislator, making such a record as to lead to his nomination for governor by the Republican State convention held in Burlington in June, 1896. At the ensuing election he was elected by the largest majority ever given a candidate for that position in all the history of the state. His administration was conservative, and conducive to the best interests of the state, along all lines, indus-

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JOSIAH GROUT.

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trial, commercial, and moral, commanding the approval of the best people throughout the state, regardless of their political views. It was the privilege of Governor Grout as commander-in-chief of the National Guard of Vermont, to ride at its head on two notable occasions, at the inauguration of Major William McKinley as president, and at the dedication of the tomb of General U. S. Grant in New York city.

He enjoys the distinction of being Vermont's Spanish war governor, and of tendering the Vermont troops for service in that war earlier than the troops of any other state were offered. On the completion of his official term Governor Grout returned to his accustomed avocation, in which he reengaged with the old-time earnestness and satisfaction.

An ardent and lifelong Republican Major Grout has at all times exercised a potent influence in the councils of his party, and has been an active figure in various state and national conventions, and an effective speaker in many hard-fought campaigns. He was for several years president of the Derby Republican club, and he was vice-president of the Republican league of Vermont for four years and president for one year. Deeply interested in educational affairs, he has been for many years a trustee of Derby academy and president of the board and chairman of the executive committee. In all the relationships of life, as a soldier, citizen and public official, his conduct has ever been characterized by conscientious devotion to the purpose in hand, and his every task has been undertaken industriously and perseveringly. No taint of misdoing or undue selfishness has ever attached to his name, and he is known as one who has held his integrity unsullied in whatever place or in charge of whatever trust.

Governor Grout has been employed in the settlement of many important estates; for many terms in succession he has been chairman of the board of village trustees.

He is a member of the Vermont Officers' Reunion Society, having served the society as a member of the executive committee, its vice-president, its president, and in 1894 delivered the annual oration before the society, taking for his subject, "Abraham Lincoln in the War." Governor Grout is and has been a trustee of the Soldiers' Home ever since its organization.

Major Grout was married October, 1868, to Miss Harriet Hinman, an accomplished woman, who in home and society has acted well her part. Aaron H. Grout, their only child, was prepared for college in Derby academy, and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1901. He spent some time traveling in Egypt and Europe, visiting places up the Nile and in England, France, and Italy. He is now a law student and gives promise of a successful career. He is a member of the Kappa Signia fraternity, and was president of his senior class in college.

Mrs. Grout is of distinguished ancestry. In the paternal line she is a descendent of Sergeant Edward Hinman who came in 1650 to Stamford, Connecticut, and from whom are descended all of the

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family name in this country. His son, Benjamin, married Elizabeth Lamb, and they had a son Benjamin, who married Sarah Sherman, a sister of Roger Sherman's father. Of the latter marriage was born in 1720 Colonel Benjamin Hinman, who served with great distinction in the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars, and after its surrender to Ethan Allen, he was commander of the garrison at Fort Ticonderoga. He became a surveyor, and was a member of the general assembly of Connecticut for twenty-seven sessions.

He married Molly Stiles, a relative of President Stiles, and their children were: Aaron, Sherman, and Colonel Joel Hinman, the last named of whom was father of ex-Chief Justice Joel Hinman, of the supreme court of Connecticut. There were thirteen commissioned officers by the name of Hinman in the Revolutionary army.

Aaron, son of Colonel Benjamin Hinman, was one of the original proprietors of Derby, Vermont.

He married Ruth Hinman, daughter of Captain Timothy Hinman. Of their children, Benjamin, Mrs. Grout's grandfather, was born in Southbury, August 12, 1773, and died in Derby, Vermont, November 26, 1856. He was an early teacher in Connecticut, and was prominent in settling the town of Derby, Vermont, of which he was a resident for many years, locating there in 1816, after his marriage with Lydia Dean, following a romantic courtship. He built the first sawmill in Derby, and became a large land owner, and the foremost man in building up the town. He established saw and grist-mills, was interested in a woolen mill and tannery, aided in building the churches, academy, and public edifices, and stood so well for ability and integrity that he was called upon to settle numerous estates, and to occupy many public offices. He was selectman for fifteen years, town clerk, magistrate, and represented his town in the legislature five sessions. In politics he was a Federalist, then a Whig, and he became a Republican when that party was organized, and he cast his last vote for its first presidential candidate, John C. Fremont.

His son Aaron married Nancy, daughter of Major Rufus Stewart, who came from Brattleboro, Vermont, and was an early settler in Derby, where he became wealthy and influential. He was prominent in town and county affairs, and commanded according to his rank at the battle of Plattsburg.

Horace Stewart, a son of Major Stewart, became a wealthy resident of Beebe Plain; and Maria, a daughter, became the wife of Judge Jacob Bates of Orleans county and their sons, Edwin and Charles K. Bates, became wealthy merchants in New York city, and their estates own the celebrated Highland stock farms at Derby. Mrs. Charles K. Bates and Mrs. Josiah Grout are sisters.

Aaron Hinman of Derby, Vermont, eldest son of Benjamin, was in early life a school teacher, a civil engineer, and a public-spirited, influential citizen of the town. He was a colonel of the state militia, took a leading part in public affairs, was prominent in politics, a representative in the general as-

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sembly, and at the time of his death in 1854, at the age of forty-five, was sheriff-elect of Orleans county.

The children of Aaron and Nancy (Stewart) Hinman were: Jane E., who married L. H. Bisbee, a prominent lawyer of Chicago, for twenty-five years previous to his death in 1897; Harriet (Mrs. Grout): Mary (Mrs. Charles K. Bates), and Colonel Benjamin Hinman, who resides in Newport, Vermont.

NELSON, ASA BURTON, was born in Derby, April 22, 1827. He was the son of Captain William and Lucina (Ball) Nelson, and was named for the Rev. Dr. Asa Burton of Thetford, his mother's uncle, who was regarded by her as a second father. Mr. Nelson's paternal ancestors, originally from Massachusetts, bore continuously from an early date the name of William, with the single exception of his grandfather, Captain Thomas Nelson, a soldier of the Revolution.

ASA B. NELSON.

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All along this line has been characterized by the strong determination and indomitable energy, superior to any reverse, that has been characteristic of Mr. Nelson's own career.

Mr. Nelson's education was limited to that of the common schools of his native town. When hardly more than a boy he began driving the eight-horse teams of the freight line that was then maintained between Derby and Boston in the advance of the building of the railroad. In some form of this business he remained for fifteen years, shortening his trips, with the advancing of the railroad, to its terminal, and changing, with its completion, from freight to express and staging, and for a time keeping the hotel in Derby Line in connection with his business. From those early days Mr. Nelson has been continuously, until the present year, the agent of the American Express company for Derby Line for nearly fifty years, holding the record for length of service for the state of Vermont.

From 1857 to 1870 Mr. Nelson was proprietor of a general store at Derby Line and a dealer in general produce, and during these years he made a very wide acquaintance in the surrounding country. From 1871 to 1884 he was engaged in the factory manufacture of, and wholesale trade in, boots and shoes. In 1877 he became connected with the business in which he is still engaged, having purchased in that year a factory for the manufacture of spruce butter tubs at Montgomery Center, Vermont, and organizing the firm now known as Nelson, Hall & Co. From small beginnings at that time the business has been developed, in spite of two very disastrous fires and other difficulties, into what is now one of the largest, if not the very largest, manufactory of spruce wood butter packages in the United States, turning out in the course of the year in the neighborhood of a million and a half of these, and developing the side industries which characterize the modern manufactory.

Mr. Nelson has had his share of the offices, which indicates the confidence and regard of the community. Republican in politics, he represented the town of Derby in the legislature during the years 1876-'77, and Orleans county in the senate of the state in 1900-'01. He has been one of the trustees of the Methodist church of Stanstead Plain for more than twenty-five years, and a trustee of Stanstead Wesleyan college for the same length of time. For some time past he has been also a director of the National Bank of Derby Line

On July 2, 1847, Mr. Nelson was married to Miriam Augusta Goodwin, and on the anniversary in 1897 a wide circle of relatives and friends assisted in the celebration of their golden wedding. Of this marriage three children were born: Mary Francis, George Edgar, and Charles Eugene. The first, born August 23, 1850, died in infancy. George E., born June 8, 1852, died October 17, 1877, leaving a daughter and a son, Lieutenant George E. Nelson of the Third United States cavalry. Charles E., born February 24, 1860, was for some years deputy collector of customs at Derby Line, and is now a partner in the business at Montgomery. He has three children.

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ROBBINS. WILLIAM S., son of Alvin and Laura (Merrill) Robbins, was born at Derby, December 5, 1850.

Isaac Robbins came to Derby with his three-years-old son Alvin, from Campton, New Hampshire, in 1812.

Alvin was a successful farmer, and died in Derby in 1875. Laura, the mother, lived until 1890. There were but two children, Emma T. (now the widow of Alex. T. Dailey),

WILLIAM S. ROBBINS.

living at Derby, and the subject of this sketch.

William S. Robbins attended the public schools and Derby academy, taught school, clerked in a general store, and in 1871 began trade for himself and continued until 1875, when he closed out and engaged in farming and lumber manufacturing, continuing in these lines for more than twenty years successfully, winning an enviable place among the substantial citizens of northern Vermont.

He has been town clerk since 1878, has served as justice of the peace and lister for many years, and in 1890 represented Derby in the general assembly. For fifteen years he has been a trustee of Derby academy, and for the past ten years its treasurer. He is engaged in fire insurance business, and as executor or administrator, has settled many of the more important estates in this vicinity.

In 1871 Mr. Robbins was united in marriage to Clara E., daughter of Person True of Derby, and five children have blessed their happy union: L. Gertrude, who married Frank I. Marvin of St. Albans; Person A., in the customs service at Newport; Harry T., teller in the National bank of Newport; Grace T., who married Harry H. Wilder of Derby; and Carl W., now a student in Derby academy.

ALLBEE, DEACON ANDREW J., the subject of this sketch, is a worthy man, who is held in high esteem by the community of his residence.

Of English ancestry, he was born in the town of Rockingham, Windham county, April 25, 1832. With his parents, John and Betsey (Reed) Allbee, in 1834 he came to the town of Derby, where he has since lived. One of nine children and a farmer's boy, he received in youth those advantages incident to farm life. He was educated in the common schools and at Glover academy. At the age of seventeen he learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, which has since been his avocation. For several years he was contractor and

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ANDREW J. ALLBEE.

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builder; and for many years he has had, at Derby Center, a shop for general mill work, and has conducted a large, successful business according to the standards of live and let live. He was, for quite a period, during and following the Civil war, collector of taxes for the town, constable, and deputy sheriff. He is now and has been for several years a justice of the peace and grand juror for the town, which offices he has filled with fidelity and ability. He was first lieutenant of the militia company raised in Derby for the protection of the frontier at the time of the St. Albans raid. He was town liquor agent once for a short time and administered the office so faithfully according to law, that it was soon closed for want of business, and the town was without an agency for several years following.

In 1856 he united in marriage with Mary Gilman, a native of Chelsea, Orange county, a very estimable woman, and they have by this union, three children: Elmer E. of New York, Ernest A. of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Bessie A., wife of John Aiken, of Newport.

In May, 1857, Mr. and Mrs. Allbee joined the Congregational church of Derby, of which, in 1871, he was chosen deacon, and of which they have continued to be and are now consistent, helpful members.

Deacon Allbee has always been with the temperance cause, and a ready worker in its interest. He was for several years superintendent of the Sabbath school of the church, in which field of usefulness he rendered a very interesting service. He was for four years corresponding secretary of the Orleans County Sabbath School association.

Deacon Allbee is most worthy as a citizen, always patriotically responding to all proper requirements upon both his time and energy. He is an obliging neighbor, a devoted husband, a kind father, and, in short, a much to be desired member of society. The more we have of such men the better.

BUGBEE, Dr. Abel Goss, of Derby Line, Vermont, was born January 24, 1824, at Lower Waterford. He was fortunate in his parentage. His father was Dr. Ralph Bugbee, son of Amos Bugbee, a descendant from Edward Bugby, who came from Ipswich, England, in the ship *Francis*, early in April, 1634, and settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts. His mother was Irene Goss. From his parents Dr. Bugbee inherited an exceptionally strong constitution, mental ability of a high order, and traits of character which have had much to do in enabling him to accomplish the achievements of an active and useful career. Heredity and early environment, conspired with natural taste and aptitude to lead Abel G. Bugbee to enter the medical profession. His father was a physician of no mean repute; his five brothers, with the exception of one who died in infancy, prosecuted the healing art, and his only sister married Enoch Blanchard, B. A., M. D., a physician and surgeon. His education and training for his great life-work was broad and thorough and based upon a good foundation gained in the elementary and high schools of Lower Waterford, and in the academies of St. Johnsbury and Peach-

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am. He commenced the study of medicine with his father in 1845 at Lower Waterford, and in 1847 continued it with Professor Josephus Perkins of Castleton, where he devoted his time to practical office work, and to two full courses of lectures in the Castleton Medical college, from which he graduated

ABEL G. BUGBEE, M. D.

M. D. November 22, 1848. Some idea of Dr. Bugbee's determination to acquire the best possible equipment for his work, and to keep abreast of the times, may be gathered from a mere mention of the studies he pursued subsequent to graduation from Castleton. In 1850 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York for a full course of lectures, attending at the same time the Old City hospital, Blackwell's Island hospital, and the Ear and Eye infirmary. In 1868 he took a second course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, again attending Bellevue hospital and Blackwell's Island hospital for clinics. Availing himself of these special advantages from time to time and ever devoting himself to private study and investigation, he has acquired a reputation as an authority in his profession which has been gracefully recognized by various medical societies, as well as by the community in which he has practised. He is a member of the Vermont State Medical society, Orleans County Medical society, of which he was president three years, and is now one of the censors of the White Mountain Medical society.

With the exception of about two years at Wells River, Vermont, at the opening of his career, Dr. Bugbee's professional life has been spent at Derby Line, Vermont, at which place he settled in 1851. His practice has extended widely through Orleans county, Vermont, and Stanstead county, Quebec, and has won for him an enviable reputation. As a physician, his ability, knowledge, and painstaking persistence have enabled him to save many a life and relieve many a sufferer. As a surgeon, he has displayed exceptional skill, having repeatedly performed difficult operations with a delicacy of touch and steadiness of nerve which have been the admiration of all.

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On May 10, 1874, he united with the Wesleyan Methodist church of Canada, in 1875 was made a steward in the same and has continued such ever since. During this time he held the office of recording steward for eight years. In 1878 he was appointed a trustee of the church. During all these years Dr. Bugbee has been loyal to the church of his choice and devoted to all of her interests. On more than one occasion he has shown his practical sympathy by generously supporting commendable church enterprises. The "Bugbee library," established in connection with the Sunday-school of this church and endowed by him, will ever be a source of pleasure and profit to the members of the congregation and a lasting testimony to his desire to bring the best literature within the reach of all and especially of the young people of the church.

In 1880 he was elected a trustee of Stanstead Wesleyan college and appointed a member of the executive committee. These offices he has held ever since, and in connection with them has repeatedly shown his devotion to the interests of the superior education of the youth of the community in which the greater part of his professional life has been passed. The greatest benefit he has provided for the present and future generations of young people is represented in the Bugbee Commercial college. In 1894 he handed over to the trustees of Stanstead college a fine residence and the sum of $4,000, with which to place it upon the college campus and fit it up for the purpose of a commercial school. This institution has already brought the facilities for obtaining a good business education within the reach of many young men and women, and cannot fail to prove a lasting blessing to the country at large, as well as to the class of individuals specially concerned. Its continued efficiency has been still further assured by the establishment, through the doctor's bounty, of an endowment fund.

On September 7, 1852, Dr. Bugbee married Miss Mindwell Ann Carter, who died September 1, 1870. On October 17, 1877, he married Miss Nancy Read, whose name is associated with his in all public benefactions and who is ever actively concerned with him in all laudable undertakings. His two children by the second marriage are deceased, but the fountain of parental affection in the hearts of this devoted couple, instead of being dried up by this bereavement sends out perennial streams of blessings upon the children who linger in other homes. The Bugbee Sunday-school library and the Bugbee Commercial college incidentally and almost unconsciously perpetuate sweet and tender memories, while specially marking the large-hearted interest in young humanity which has so high a place in the minds of the liberal donors.

In a home made comfortable and luxurious by the fruits of a long and lucrative practice joined with thrift and enterprise, and happy in the companionship and sympathy of his devoted wife, Dr. Bugbee is spending the quiet evening of life which has been strenuous in its intelligent effort to heal and save.

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SPALDING, LEVI, was born at Sharon, Vermont, in 1805, a son of Reuben Spalding, a soldier of the Revolution from Massachusetts. Reuben located at Sharon and married Jernsha Carpenter, whose parents came from Connecticut as one of the first settlers of the town. Here Levi was born and remained at home until twelve years old when he went to live in the family of his brother, John Spalding of Montpelier. When about sixteen years old he went into the store of Langdon & Spalding of Montpelier as clerk, and finally became a partner in the business. In 1833 he sold out his interest in the business and came to Rock Island, Stanstead, Province of Quebec, and formed a copartnership with Stephen Foster of that place. They continued the business for several years and were quite successful. In 1843 Mr. Foster retired from the business and Mr. Spalding continued until 1859, when he sold to his son William.

LEVI SPALDING.

Mr. Spalding was one of the early presidents of the Derby Line National bank, and did much in the dark days of the Rebellion in 1861-'65 to retain the confidence of the patrons of the bank from the neighboring villages in Canada who had done business there from its commencement.

Mr. Spalding was married to Julia Cadwell of Montpelier in 1833, and had eight children: William, Julia, Sarah, Lyman, Cornelia, Gertrude, Clara A., widow of Major Charles O. Brigham. Mr. Spalding died June 3, 1871.

WILLIAM SPALDING.

SPALDING, WILLIAM, was born at Rock Island, Stanstead, Province of Quebec, July 27, 1834. His boyhood was spent there until 1845, when his father moved to the vil-

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lage of Derby Line. He attended the public school in the vicinity of Derby Line and took the scientific course at the military academy of Norwich, Vermont, in 1854. He then went into his father's store as clerk, and finally succeeded his father in the general store business. In 1868 he sold out the business to his brother, Lyman, and went to Boston, Massachusetts, and engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes with parties under the firm name of Harvey, Spalding & Co. He remained in this business until 1874, when he sold out his business and returned to Derby Line, and engaged in the general store business, which he still continues. He was married, in 1873, to Emma I. Brigham of Newtonville, Massachusetts.

LUNT, CHARLES, was born at Derby in 1830, a son of Johnson and Sarah (Boynton) Lunt. He attended the public schools of Derby, and at twenty-five years of age he engaged in railroad contracting in Ontario, and continued in this line for two years. He then bought a farm at Stanstead, Quebec, and remained there for seven years; here he established a splendid reputation as a thoroughly up-to-date farmer of the most progressive type. He sold out here and bought at Derby, and for twenty years bought, repaired, built up, and sold farms in this locality. In 1891 Mr. Lunt retired from active business and located at Derby Center to educate his daughters at the Derby academy. Here he remained for six years, then he built his pleasant home at Derby Line, where he now resides.

In 1853 Mr. Lunt was united in marriage to Maria Wilson, who died October 14, 1877, and December 23, 1878, he took for his second wife her sister, Hattie. Two daughters have been born to them: Mary H., born May 27, 1880, and Hattie W., born January, 1882, and died July 14, 1897. Mrs. Lunt will be remembered as a popular teacher for many years at Beebe Plain, a lady of culture, refined taste, and splendid ideals.

CHARLES LUNT.

Mr. Lunt has served Derby as a lister, selectman, and school director, and in 1870 as her representative in the general assembly of Vermont. For thirty years he has been connected with the Congregational church and is a citizen of character, worth, and splendid judgment. He recently became one of a land syndicate which is doing much to develop and build up Derby Line village.

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He is trustee of Stanstead Wesleyan college at Stanstead, Province of Quebec.

ADAMS, DR. GEORGE F., son of Ira A. and Mary (Fish) Adams, was born in Newport March 29, 1854. Martin Adams, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a soldier of the Revolution, and the first settler at Newport, his son, Abial A., the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, being the first white child born within the present limits of the town of Newport. Ira A. Adams was a farmer, merchant, and lumber man, and moved from Newport to Derby in 1864.

George F. Adams fitted for college at New Hampton institute, New Hampshire, and graduated from Bates college, Lewiston, Maine, in the class of 1876. He attended the medical department of Dartmouth college one year, and graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont in 1879. He engaged in medical practice one year in Coventry, and then settled in Lunenburg, where he remained in practice four years.

In 1882 he married Cora C. Cheney of that town, and they have two sons, George C. and Irving R. Adams.

Dr. Adams located at Livermore, Maine, and had there secured a prosperous practice, when a disastrous fire swept the business part of the town, whereby Dr. Adams was a heavy loser. He came to West Derby in 1890 and has secured an excellent practice. His fine residence on Main street was erected in 1894. He is a member of the Vermont Medical society and has been president of the Orleans County Medical society. Dr. Adams has a splendid physique, genial address, and an optimism and good humor that are prime requisites in the sick room, and is an influential citizen. He is health officer of Derby, was a member of the first board of village

GEORGE F. ADAMS, M. D.

trustees, and treasurer until 1896. He is a member of Cleveland chapter and Malta commandery, K. T. and F. & A. M., of Newport.

ADAMS, MYRON A., a son of Aurelus F. and Jane F. (Weeden) Adams, was born at Derby in 1849. He received his education in the public schools and at Derby acad-

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emy. For two years Mr. Adams followed a mercantile life and then purchased the old "B. Hinman" grist-mill and for ten years conducted a very successful feed business. In 1883 he purchased a part of the old Colonel Chester Carpenter farm, and ever since that time has ranked as one of the foremost farmers of this section.

In 1873 he married Clara E., a daughter of Chester Carpenter, Jr., a granddaughter of Colonel Chester Carpenter, and a great-granddaughter of Judge Timothy Hinman. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams two sons have

MYRON A. ADAMS.

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been born, Chester C. and Carlton A.

Mr. Adams has two splendid farms, consisting of 300 acres, has 1,400 sugar trees, and more than fifty head of stock are kept. It is as a dairyman that Mr. Adams is best known, being ranked among the leading authorities of this celebrated dairy state. For two years he has served as president of the State Dairymen's association, and is now on his third term as its treasurer. He has ever taken a lively interest in public matters and has served Derby as lister, selectman, superintendent of schools, and in 1896 as representative to the general assembly.

Auretus Adams, father of Myron A., was a man of sturdy character, great worth, and high ideals. In character, ability, and influence he was a power for good. He represented Derby in the general assembly in 1882, and died in 1892.

ADAMS, THERON A., twin brother of Myron A., received his education in the public schools and at Derby academy. At twenty years of age he completed his education and after teaching school for a while took up farming, and has aways resided in the same school district.

March 22, 1873, he married Lillia Haselton of Charleston. Two children were born to them: Franklin A., born February 14, 1874, and died January 20, 1892, and Charles M., born February 18, 1888. Mrs. Adams died April 28, 1893, and July 11, 1894, Mr. Adams married Mrs. Jessie (Allbee) Braynard, of Morgan, daughter of Cyrus and Cynthia (Cobb) Allbee.

Mr. Adams has served as school director six years, and is a Universalist in religious faith. He has a farm of ninety-six acres, 800 sugar

THERON A. ADAMS.

trees, and keeps about twenty head of stock.

CARPENTER, COLONEL CHESTER, was born at Randolph Center, December 19, 1786, eldest son of Jonathan, Jr., and Olive (Sessions) Carpenter. Jonathan, his father, was born at Rehoboth, Massachusetts, June 19, 1757, in direct line of descent from William and Abigail Carpenter, who came from London, England, to Rehoboth in 1638. Jonathan's youth was at home and he was educated in the common schools. At seventeen he apprenticed himself to the joiner's trade. (See Carpenter Memorial.) January 9, 1775, he enlisted for the colonies. December 11, 1777, he

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joined the privateer brig *Reprisal*, which was captured February 19, 1778, by the *Unicorn*. In irons and sick, in crowded and filthy holds of five vessels, one after another, he was landed at Portsmouth, England, where were congregated in prisons and prison ships 2,730 American prisoners. His imprisonment covered seventeen months and three days, and he reached home November 4, 1779. He

CHESTER CARPENTER.

taught a winter school, and on March 27, 1780, started with a friend to find homes in Vermont. They walked 416 miles in twenty-one days. He bought a right of land at Randolph Center for £37, to be paid in neat cattle or New England rum. There he lived, a farmer and innkeeper, until his death at eighty years, and his wife at ninety-two. They reared seven children; five sons, all soldiers of 1812, temperance men of worthy character, loyal Whigs and Republicans, four of whom, with one sister, lived to eighty years or more.

Colonel Chester Carpenter lived at home and attended district school. When nearly of age, in 1807, he started on foot for Franklin county, Vermont, to purchase a future farm. He met a stranger, over night, at Greensboro, who praised the lands east of Magog lake. Morning found Carpenter facing toward Derby, where he purchased at once a lot in Esquire Wright's neighborhood, overlooking the lovely lake. Quickly his axe was "lifted up upon the thick trees," and before snow, ten acres were "slashed" and "chopped." He taught a winter's school at Brownington. In the spring he cleared the acres and sowed to wheat, built a barn before harvest, reaped the wheat, garnered it with steers and sled, threshed it morning, nights, and Saturdays, while teaching in his own district, and with it paid for his farm. Cleared more land, and taught same school again. Built a house in 1810.

November 11, 1811, he married Hannah Kendall, daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Kendall, living upon the adjoining "Moses Blake" farm. He was the first enlisted man in Captain Mason's company, War of 1812, and was made orderly sergeant. His colonelcy came by promotion in the state militia, to which he was ardently devoted. In 1815 he bought a farm at Derby Center and opened an inn, which was continued by himself and his family until 1852, no liquor being sold after 1832. He added adjoining lands, to the whole extent of 400 acres, but always sold at less

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than actual value, for building purposes.

About 1836 he gave land for the building of a Baptist church and parsonage, and contributed fully $1,000 towards their erection, and later gave land in connection for a cemetery. In 1839 he secured the grant of land from Benjamin Hinman, Esq., for the erection of seminary buildings, to which his personal contributions were not less than $3,000. He and his wife joined the Baptist church in 1825, and during the same summer was chosen clerk and deacon. He sought no office, but was trial justice of the peace thirty years. Lifelong Whig and Republican, no whiffler, no drinker, no law suit or quarrel, no brag, always industrious, in his last year building with his *own hand only* from the stump, a two-story farm building now in constant use. An intelligent, sterling, *honest man*. Helped in every interest by a most excellent wife, whose children always rejoiced to "rise up and call her blessed." She never flattered, but her heart took in all needs, a ready helper at more births and deaths than any woman in Derby. They reared six children: Marshall, Emeline, Ora, Chester, Fanny W., and Charles. Only Chester and Charles are living.

Query. If Chester Carpenter had lodged at Greensboro any other night, what about Derby academy, Derby Baptist church, and what about *this* Carpenter family?

CARPENTER, CHESTER, JR., son of Colonel Chester and Hannah (Kendall) Carpenter, was born at the "Carpenter Tavern," in Derby, September 4, 1820. His education was in the district school, and one term under Hugh Elder, before academy days. He was a robust boy, very industrious, with a clear faculty at planning, with an eye to the chance for saving an honest shilling. Inheriting the good traits of his parents, he grew early into the management of farm affairs, for some years of his minority, and afterwards by contract, until at twenty-four years he purchased hotel, farm, stock, and tools. He well understood the advantage of disposing of farm products through hotel table and stables. He arranged to have fat oxen, sheep, swine, and farm crops on the market when prices were best. His house, as his father's had always been, was *clean*, morally and otherwise. He greeted the sun at its rising, and retired when everything was done. He sold the hotel to Joseph Bates, 2d, about 1850, and January 1, 1869, sold the village portion of the farm. At this time he purchased the flouring and grist-mill, which he owned twenty-seven years. His neighbors counted him, as they had his father, *an honest man*. He was constable and tax collector four years, until taxes were paid into town treasury, gathering them promptly and thoroughly. Then he was treasurer sixteen years; no discrepancies ever in his accounts. His word and bond were always of equal strength. From incurable sickness, in 1874, he was compelled to give up business, but he has been idle only by absolute constraint. He gained and saved a competency.

He married, June 16, 1845, Phœbe S. Hinman, granddaughter of Hon. Timothy Hinman, the

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founder of Derby. Four children were born to them, all yet living, three of whom have never lived beyond the limits of Derby Center. Charles K., born August 15, 1848, married Alice Lonto of Derby. They have two children, Gertrude S., wife of George O. Burton, and Chester A., yet in school. Clara E., born September 9, 1854, married Myron A. Adams, who appears in this volume. Harriet S., born September 30, 1858, married Lucian P. Jenne, who also has record herein. George S., born January 24, 1861, married Sarah F. Mead of Holland. They have no children. He was a merchant in South Strafford for several years, afterward at Derby Line for sixteen years, and removed to Fossil, Oregon, in 1890, where he is partner in a large mercantile house, and managing owner in a bank.

CHESTER CARPENTER, JR.

CARPENTER, MARSHALL, Derby, Vermont. The Carpenter family in this country traces its descent from William Carpenter, a merchant in London, England, in the thirteenth century.

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Samuel Carpenter, a lineal descendant of William Carpenter, was born in England, 1663, and came to this country, settled in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, was head of the New England branch of the Carpenter family. His descendants have been known as respectable citizens, for the most part tillers of the soil, and from among them have been legislators, clergymen, lawyers, and others eminent in the affairs of town, county, and state.

Marshall Carpenter, the subject of this sketch, was born at Derby, Vermont, April 24, 1813. His parents were Chester Carpenter and Hannah (Kendall) Carpenter. His early years were those of the children of the pioneer. His education was confined to the common schools and one term at the Bennington and Randolph academies. At the age of fifteen he was apprenticed to his uncle, Danforth Carpenter, a country merchant at Danville, Vermont, upon the conditions of board and clothing and the sum of one hundred dollars and a suit of clothing upon the attainment of his legal majority.

At the conclusion of his apprenticeship he became engaged in the mercantile business at Davisville, Vermont, and at Derby, Vermont, to which latter place he removed in 1839, and afterwards became a farmer.

He held various offices in his native town, for many years those of selectman, lister, moderator of town meetings and auditor. Attained to the rank of major in the militia service. In 1854 he was elected to represent Derby in the state legislature, and during the same year was elected judge of probate for the county of Orleans, and performed the duties of that office for the next succeeding eight years.

Since the expiration of his office as judge of probate he has acted in the capacity of administrator and assignee of estates both in probate court and the court of bankruptcy, and in different capacities as town officer.

He deceased April 8, 1883. No one in the community in which he lived was better known and did his work, enjoyed a larger measure of profound respect and esteem, and no man's death in that community could bring to those who knew him best a more sincere sense of personal loss, and the benediction of a strong, faithful, and noble service rests upon his memory.

He was foremost and untiring in the pursuit and accomplishment of all that tended to moral and material growth and prosperity of his town.

He was a great reader of books, and of those of solid and substantial thought, historical, and philosophical research. The Bible and the *New York Tribune* represented the corner-stones of political and religious faith and creed. He was a Henry Clay Whig and believed in the principles and results of a protective tariff. At and from the time of the organization of the Republican party he adhered to its platforms of political action. He was an original thinker and by nature controversial, and thought it his duty at all suitable occasions, when his opinions were assailed, to defend them forcibly and with tenacity and power.

He hated a lie and all subterfuges, hence his expressions and

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opinions as to principles, men and events, were open, and he never attacked from an ambuscade. His life was open to inspection and just criticism.

He was married to Hannah Deming, and the fruits to that marriage were two sons, B. F. Deming Carpenter, Esq., of Barton Landing, Vermont, and Henry D. Carpenter of Hope, North Dakota.

CHARLES CARPENTER.

CARPENTER, HON. CHARLES, was born at "Carpenter's Inn," Derby Center, October 7, 1828, youngest son of Colonel Chester and Hannah (Kendall) Carpenter. He attended district school after he was three years old, with irregular recitations at the academy from September, 1840, to March, 1846. All his study was at home, being chore boy and farm hand in busy seasons. From July 6, 1846, he was clerk at Howard's in Burlington, to his twenty-first birthday in 1849, for board and clothes; then two years for wages, then two years for J. W. Odell on same street. At his first purchase, a small Bible, he opened a cash account, continued until now, and through thirty years of business life balanced every night. Nights after closing, not spent on the street, or places of resort, but in his room, reading good books and writing a voluminous diary, still in his possession; and quite a good many rhymes, if not poetry, a few of which have place in "Green Mountain Poets." Left Burlington August 8, 1853, with $675 saved. On the 16th, having inventoried two stocks of goods, commenced trade with two partners, as C. Carpenter & Co. Within two and a half years he changed one partner for two, and bought out the lot, and from 1856 to 1874 had no partners. In 1874, by the failure of E. C. Merrill, a very heavy creditor and endorsee, he was compelled to dispose of all possessions. He was assignee in bankruptcy of Merrill, whose liabilities were $115,000. He repelled all counsels towards bankruptcy, and the earnings of twenty-one years went out through other's debts; discounts being neither asked nor offered. The Vermont Emery Wheel company was created by some of Merrill's creditors out of the debris, with $50,000 of nominal stock, but not one dollar of cash. This handicapped company was run nine years with Mr. Carpenter as treasurer and managing director, during which he bought every share of stock and closed the business. By strange and complex conditions in 1883 he was drawn

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into trade again, which was continued about six years. In 1889 a very peculiar incident led to a very careful inventory, which revealed his insolvency. Without a day's delay he presented a petition at court for voluntary insolvency. The shortest notice followed for first meeting; no messenger appointed. At the meeting he personally presented his inventory and explanation, with an offer guaranteed, of payment of fifty per cent. in settlement, which was accepted. Payments were made as specified; after which he was enabled and pleased to pay in cash and property; (with interest), over $2,000, the unpaid half of all debts, except to three very wealthy creditors in Orleans county and bills for merchandise in Portland and Boston. The interest was upon the unpaid half of the debts, afterwards paid in full, the three debts to wealthy creditors here, and the bills in market, being all that were not paid in full. The next eight years he settled estates in insolvency and probate courts, worked in various town offices, and anything honorable. October 1, 1897, he was appointed deputy collector at Derby Line and is there yet. He is a straight prohibition Republican; blood not fouled by drink, tobacco, narcotics, or other vices. Drafted in 1862, he paid commutation, unexamined.

With wife and mother he united with the Congregational church January 1, 1860, and has continued interest in prayer meeting and Sunday-school ever since. He sustained an out-district Sunday-school ten seasons from April to November. He was three years president of the Orleans County Union Sunday-school convention, and was delegate to the First National Council of Congregational churches in Boston in 1865. He was a member of the legislature in 1872, and in the senate of 1876, and has held nearly every town office, and was several terms county grand juror.

May 8, 1854, he married Betsey Nelson Hinman, granddaughter of Judge Timothy Hinman, Derby's first settler. Her portrait is in Proverbs 31:10, and on. A modest, happy, home-keeping commenced that May day and, by God's blessing, still continues. When Merrill failed, and the consequences were known, her reply was calmly: "We began at the bottom, and can again." When the homestead, $500, from the unmortgaged home, was offered, she answered: "Pay the debts." No tears or reproach ever followed the crash. Four children were given them: Lilla Antonia, wife of Harding Allen Clark of Kansas; they have two children. Kate Lorain, wife of Charles E. Bennett; they have one daughter. Anabelle Orphia, died at two and one half years. Ora Marshall married Jennie Clark (see Brighton in Essex county).

KENDALL, DEACON NATHANIEL, moved from Windsor to the Moses Blake farm before 1807, where he built a barn, in which was then organized a Baptist church, and where meetings were held quite a while. His deed bears the date October 24, 1809. His great-grandfather was English, his wife German, who gave to the Kendall family the extra fingers and toes which they still exhibit.

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Deacon Kendall married Hannah Kibling, also a German. To them were born twelve children. The date of their coming, or the proportion of children born here, are unknown. He died November 21, 1821, aged fifty-six; his widow April 10, 1859, aged eighty-nine. They await resurrection in Derby cemetery. Seven children, in order of birth, here named: Olive, married Luther Eager, a Derby farmer; their children maturing were: Martin B., Sylvia C., Levi, Lucius, Emily, Luther, George, Charles, and Nathaniel. Hannah to Colonel Chester Carpenter. Isaac Newton to Harriet Corning, removed to Buckingham, Canada, in 1825; seven children matured: Emily, William C., Orrin S., Isaac N., Sophronia, Laura, Maria, Orrin S., living at Coaticooke, Quebec. Sylvia married Zenas Cobb, farmer; they had daughters: Betsey C., Laura K., Ann J., Emily K.; Ann J. died unmarried; three are widows in Derby. Samuel Stillman, physician in Coventry and Georgeville, married Emily Colby, had children: Samuel S., Laura C., Emily, Lamira, Nathaniel; by second wife, Abbie Redfield, had Fletcher, Hannah, Peleg R. Betsey married Orville Daggett, farmer; had Maria Caroline, Charlania, and Chester C. Caroline married William Blake, cattle dealer and farmer, and hotel; children: Zenas C., Eliza G., Nye O., Newman Q., Truman G., Hannah K., Idella C. From first to last worthy, respectable people.

ERWIN, JOHN WESLEY, son of Ralph and Jane (Riley) Erwin, and the third son of a family of ten children, seven boys and three girls, was born in Sheldon, Vermont, April 5, 1840. In the parental line he is of Scotch-Irish descent, Ralph, the father, emigrated from the north of Ireland, with his elder brother, when sixteen years old. After traveling over many states, he settled in the town of Sheldon, where he bought a farm and married Jane Riley, the daughter of James and Mary Riley of Highgate. James Riley was a school teacher, which occupation he followed during life. The father and mother of John Wesley lived on the same farm from 1828 until 1876, when they bought a residence in Newport, where they moved the same year. The father died in 1881, and the mother in 1894. His father was class leader in the Methodist church for more than fifty years. His mother was an accomplished reader, and it was the general custom for her to read to the family every evening when possible. It was the invariable rule in his father's family to read a chapter from the Bible, and prayers every night and morning. John Wesley was educated in the common schools of his native town, and from private lessons from his grandfather Riley, and was attending the academy at St. Albans when the war of 1861 broke out. He enlisted as a private in Company B, First regiment, Vermont cavalry, in September, 1861. In 1862 he was promoted to quartermaster-sergeant. In a cavalry charge at Hagerstown, Maryland, July 6, 1863, his horse was shot, and he was seriously injured and taken prisoner, and taken to Libby prison, and later to Bell Island, where he was for nearly five months. He was in all the important battles of the Army of the Potomac, up to the time of his discharge in November, 1864. He

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studied law with Hon. Josiah Grout of Newport, Vermont, and was admitted to the bar of Orleans county, September term, 1874, and commenced the practice of law at Derby the same year, where he still resides. He has always been a persistent student, and is in a great measure self-educated. He has always taken an active interest in politics, but never seeking office, although he has held responsible positions in both town and county.

JOHN W. ERWIN.

JENNE, LUCIEN P., son of Job C. and Eliza B. (Corey) Jenne, was born in Derby in 1852. His paternal grandfather, James Jenne, was born in 1780, and came from Plainfield, New Hampshire, to Derby and married Betsey Corey. One of his sons, Job C., a farmer, married Eliza B. Corey. Seven children were born to them, three of whom are now living: Edwin E., Lucien P., and Luman E.

Lucien attended the district schools and Derby academy. He remained on the home farm until of age, when he went to Massachusetts and remained a year. Returning to

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Derby, he entered the employ of A. J. Albee and remained for three years.

In 1882 he founded his present undertaking and furniture business. He also owns the old B. Hinman grist and feed-mill, and is identified with many of the progressive enterprises of the town.

In 1880 he married Hattie S., daughter of Chester Carpenter, Jr., and paternal granddaughter of Colonel Chester Carpenter. Also she is a maternal great-granddaughter of Judge Timothy Hinman. One child, a daughter, Ruth P., has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jenne, born June 24, 1895.

Mr. Jenne is a leading, public-spirited citizen. He has served as town treasurer since 1887, trustee of the United States deposit fund since 1898, and in 1902 he represented Derby in the general assembly, serving on the educational committee, where he left his impress on the important measure which finally became law.

LUCIEN P. JENNE.

MORRILL, ALVAH J., a son of James and Lousia (Smith) Morrill,

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was born at Derby, April 12, 1840. He received a good common school education in the district schools of Derby and worked on the home farm until June 9, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, Ninth regiment, Vermont volunteer infantry,

Mr. Morrill is a wide-awake, active, and yet conservative citizen, fully abreast of the times, always taking a lively interest in public matters, and possessing a keen perception and sound judgment has frequently been called upon to hold

ALVAH J. MORRILL.

in which organization he served three years and thirteen days, being mustered out as third sergeant of his company in June, 1865. He returned to the home farm and married Martha Paine of Derby. One son has been born to them, Charles F.

public positions. He has served Derby in the various town offices, including road commissioner nine years, selectman four years, and in 1894 was chosen representative to the general assembly of Vermont.

The early history of the Morrill family dates back to the coming of

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several members of this sturdy stock from England to America. James Morrill, Jr., son of James Morrill, Sr., and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Danville in 1816, located in Derby in 1838, and died in 1875.

. HUNT, JERRY A., a son of Mitchell M. and Henrietta (Porter) Hunt, was born at North Troy, March 26, 1871. He attended the district schools and remained on the farm

JERRY A. HUNT.

until twenty-one, when he went to St. Johnsbury and entered the employ of Frank A. Scott as a clerk. A little later he went to Richford, where he clerked for a time. Returning to North Troy, he entered the employ of C. A. Barrows and remained for seven years.

In 1901 Mr. Hunt located at Derby Line, where he opened a thoroughly up-to-date fancy grocery, and has met with excellent success.

February 21, 1896, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage with Julia M. Ferry of Cambridge. Two children have been born to them: Porter, born January 15, 1897, and Milton, born November 8, 1902.

Mr. Hunt is a genial and popular young business man, affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternity.

SILVER, ALBERT ALLEN, son of Arad and Sophia E. (Nichols) Silver, was born October 1, 1834, in Bloomfield, Essex county, Vermont. His father, Arad Silver, born in 1793, was the son of Samuel and Abigail Buzzell Silver. As a lad of eleven years, Arad Silver moved from Concord, New Hampshire, to Bloomfield on the Connecticut river. His mother, after the death of Arad's father, had married Hiram Clough, who was, like her first husband, a veteran of the Revolutionary war. They settled in what was then the almost unknown wilderness country of northeastern Vermont. Some years later, Arad Silver established at Bloomfield (then called "Minehead") a home which until recently remained in the possession of the family. Arad Silver was a strong type of man, sagacious and practical, of great executive ability and force of character. His wife was a woman of fine nature, intellectually and spiritually. These same characteristics have been handed down through succeeding generations.

Albert A. Silver was the ninth in a family of ten children. He was educated in the public schools of Bloomfield and at Derby academy. Of this same academy he has served as trustee and secretary of the

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ALBERT A. SILVER.

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Board of Trustees since 1881. In his young manhood he taught school in his native town of Bloomfield and in Brunswick, where he was successful and highly respected as a schoolmaster. He also served as superintendent of schools in Bloomfield. His interest in education has always been keen, and he has always taken an active part in educational affairs.

He was married September 22, 1857, to Sarah Warren Jenne of Derby. Their six children are: Edgar Oscar, Elmer Ellsworth, Jennie Laura (died March, 1884), Albert Allen, Jr., Annie Adeline (died December, 1885), and Sarah Warren, wife of Dr. Walter H. Parker of Boston.

In 1872 Mr. Silver removed his home from Bloomfield to Derby in order that his children might have the advantages of instruction at the Derby academy. In 1881 he bought the Colonel Chester Carpenter homestead where he still resides, occupied with farming and enjoying in the success of his children the results of his earlier sacrifices for their education and progress.

SILVER, Albert A., Jr., son of Albert A. and Sarah W. (Jenne) Silver, was born at Bloomfield, Vermont, March 5, 1865. He was educated in the public schools of Bloomfield and Derby, at Derby academy and at the University Grammar school of Providence, Rhode Island, under Dr. Merrick Lyon and Dr. Emory Lyon. He entered Brown university in 1885, with the class of 1889, but his college course was later interrupted by illness. After his recovery, he entered, in 1889, the employ of Silver, Burdett & Company. Of this company he became a member and is now a director, winning his success through natural ability and solid qualities of character.

In December, 1898, Mr. Silver was married to Blanche Pray of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mrs. Silver died three years later, and after the loss of his wife Mr. Silver traveled extensively. He spent a considerable time in the Philippines, China, and Japan, and completed the circuit of the world before his return to New York. Although he is now located in New York city, Mr. Silver retains an active interest in Vermont affairs, and holds his citizenship in his native state.

SILVER, Edgar Oscar, son of Albert A. and Sarah Warren (Jenne) Silver, was born in Bloomfield, Vermont, April 17, 1860. His paternal ancestors came from England; his maternal ancestors were chiefly English and French Huguenot, with an infusion of Ulster blood from the north of Ireland. His great-grandfathers, Samuel Silver and Samuel Nichols, fought in the Revolutionary war; his great-grandparents on his mother's side, James Jenne and his wife, were among the first settlers of Orleans county, Vermont, whence they subsequently moved from southern New Hampshire.

Edgar O. Silver attended the public schools of Bloomfield, Vermont, and of Derby, Vermont, his mother's native town, whither he removed with his parents in 1872; continued his education at the Derby academy and the Waterville Classical institute (now the Coburn Classical institute), Waterville, Maine; matriculated at Colby col-

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ALBERT A. SILVER, JR.

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lege and later entered Brown university, being graduated from the latter college, A. B., 1883, A. M., 1886. While a student at Brown he was editor-in-chief of the *Brunonian*; and in his senior year served as president of the college Young Men's Christian association; and at graduation was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

When sixteen years of age, while himself a student, he taught a district school at Coventry, Vermont; the following year taught a school at West Charleston, Vermont, and later interrupted his college course at Colby to teach a grammar school at Claremont, New Hampshire.

Immediately after graduation from college, Mr. Silver entered the employ of Messrs. D. Appleton & Company, the well-known New York publishers, remaining with the firm until April 21, 1885, when he founded in Boston, Massachusetts, the business which has since developed into the successful and well-known publishing house of Silver, Burdett & Company. In this business are associated also his two brothers, Elmer E. and Albert A. Silver, Jr. From the incorporation of the firm on April 1, 1892, Mr. Silver has been its president and general manager. In the fall of 1897 he removed to New York city.

Mr. Silver was married January 4, 1888, to Susan Florence Maine of North Stonington, Connecticut, a graduate of Wellesley college, 1886. They have seven children: Katherine, Annie Louise, Edgar Oscar, Jr., Helen Florence, Priscilla Warren, Susan Geraldine, and Blanche.

Mr. Silver resides in East Orange, New Jersey, making his summer home at Derby (where he has retained his citizenship) on his "Fairmedes Farm," which he purchased in 1892. He has traveled extensively through the United States; went to Europe in 1891 and again in 1899—in June of the latter year attending, as a member, the International Congress of Publishers at London; and in 1901 visited the Hawaiian Islands.

Outside of business interests, Mr. Silver has given special attention to the study of Economics (serving as a member of the "Committee on Visitation," Department of Political Economy of Brown university since 1902), to Sociology, to Finance and to International questions, and has been actively associated with various educational, literary, philanthropic and religious interests. He is a trustee of Brown university, of Roger William university (colored) at Nashville, Tennessee, of Derby academy, at Derby, Vermont, Peddie institute, Hightstown, New Jersey; chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shaw university (for colored men and women) at Raleigh, North Carolina. He is a director of the Northern National bank of New York city; and is on the executive board of the American Baptist Home Mission society. Mr. Silver is also a member of the Aldine association; the Phi Beta Kappa Graduates association; the Brown University club of New York; the University club of Boston; the Laurentian club, the New England Society of Orange, New Jersey; and the Republican club of East Orange, New Jersey. He is a loyal son of Vermont, and takes a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare and progress of this native state and his home town, Derby.

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Very truly Yours
Edgar O. Silcox

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BATES, ALONZO D., son of Lewis C. and Lucy Ann Bates, was born in Derby, Vermont, November 30, 1827. He received his educa-

ALONZO D. BATES.

tion in the public schools and Derby academy. After leaving school he engaged in teaching in Georgia and Alabama from 1848 to 1854. He then returned to Vermont and applied himself to the study of the law, and was admitted to the Orleans County bar June, 1858. He established himself in the practice of law in the village of Newport, Vermont, soon after his admission to the bar and remained there until 1864, being twice elected to the office of state's attorney, serving in that capacity in 1860 and 1861.

He then removed to West Charleston, Vermont, where he remained six years, removing in 1870 to his native town where he spent the remainder of his life. He died February 19, 1902.

Alonzo D. Bates was a man of sterling character, an honest counselor and an upright man. He followed after no copy, believing it to be the duty of every one and of himself in particular to develop his own character.

In March, 1860, Mr. Bates married Katherine Robertson Benham, a daughter of Deacon Nathan Stoddard Benham, one of the early pioneers who was born in Derby, Vermont, in 1802. Two children were born to them, Clara Benham and Stoddard Benham, who with their mother, still reside in Derby.

Stoddard Benham Bates was born

STODDARD B. BATES.

March 18, 1862, attended the public schools and Derby academy. Is a man of decision; takes a lively interest in everything that will aid the

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social or industrial life of Derby. Has opinions and expresses them, and is a loyal friend and an indefatiguable worker for what he believes to be right. For a number of years he was a deputy sheriff and was elected constable at 22 years of age. In politics he is a Republican that believes in party loyalty.

THOMAS WARD.

WARD, THOMAS, late of Derby, a son of James and Harriet Ward, was born March 7, 1820, in Suffolk county, England.

In 1832 the family came to America, landing at Quebec but soon settled in Holland, Vermont, where Thomas found work for a time, later he was employed by Otis Thompson of Derby, staying with him several years and in 1850 married Mariette J. Thompson, a daughter of his former employer.

After his marriage Mr. Ward located in Salem (now a part of Derby); here he remained until 1858, when he removed to Derby Centre, where he resided until 1877; in that year he purchased the Otis Thomp-

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son farm at Derby Line, the old homestead and birthplace of his wife.

For twenty years he was widely and favorably known, both in Vermont and Canada as an extensive dealer in hops and one whose word in business transactions was as good as his bond; a man of careful and sound judgment, clear business brain and of sterling character.

For many years he was an active, earnest, working member of the Methodist church and served that society as trustee and steward until 1903, the year of his death.

Charles D. Ward, son of Thomas, was born at Derby and was educated in the public schools and at Derby academy. He resides with his sister in the old homestead. Mr. Ward is a wide-awake and public-spirited citizen who takes a keen interest in anything that will benefit the town and is ever ready to lend a hand to a worthy cause.

CHARLES D. WARD.

LAY, EDWIN R., the subject of this sketch, was born in Westfield,

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Massachusetts, on July 1, 1834, son of Ralph and Sarah (Hull) Lay. His early education was obtained in the public schools. After leaving same learned the painter's trade, which he followed, except when in the army until 1871. Enlisted in company F, Seventeenth Massachusetts volunteers, and remained with same until close of war. In 1871 began the manufacture of whips at Westfield, Massachusetts. On September 1, 1890, established a manufacturing plant at Rock Island, Province of Quebec (just across the line from Derby Line, Vermont), under the name of Lay Whip company, the largest in Canada, and one of the largest and best equipped on the continent, and of which he still retains the active supervision.

EDWIN R. LAY.

Became an Odd Fellow in April, 1860, and joined the Mount Moriah lodge of Masons at Westfield, Massachusetts, in 1871. Is an active member of the G. A. R. Is a public-spirited citizen and takes a lively

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interest in all that appertains to the public good, and is a generous contributor to the same, one of his gifts being a soldiers' monument presented to the Lyon G. A. R. post at Westfield, Massachusetts, on May 30, 1900. The statue is of gray metal, and represents a soldier with a musket at parade rest. The figure is life-size, and is the exact height of Mr. Lay. It is a fine piece of work, and the veterans fully appreciate the gift. The statue was unveiled by Ralph C. Lay, the twelve year old son of Fred E. Lay, and grandson of the generous donor.

He early joined the Republican party and has been an unwavering believer in its policies. His summer home is at Derby Line. In winter he resides at Westfield, Massachusetts.

THE RICKARD.

THE RICKARD is a neat, cozy, and well appointed hotel of 14 rooms, all heated. The house was built in 1896 by the present proprietors and has the modern conveniences. A good livery is run in connection. The house is delightfully located and well conducted.

Harry M. Rickard looks after the comfort and wants in a splendid manner. The Rickards have been located at Derby Centre for the past eight years and have won a good reputation in the hotel line. The house is connected by telephone.

SUITOR, WILLIAM & SON, machine shop and foundry, dealers in pipe and pipe fittings, valves and water gauges, engines and boilers, Babbet metal, shafting, pulleys, hangers, etc.; all kinds of castings made to order; general repairing and machine construction done on short notice.

This firm consists of William Suitor, who learned his trade at Leeds, Megantic, and who had an experience of nearly twenty years at the Fairbanks works of St. Johnsbury. He also run general repair shops at Lunenburg and North Danville, where he had a large and varied experience in machine work. The junior member of the firm, Edwin J. Suitor, son of the senior partner, learned his trade of the Fairbanks company, at St. Johnsbury, after which he worked in the shop of John Markland, Boston, about a year, following which he engaged for one year as machinist for the Peerless Manufacturing company of the same place, since which time he has been engaged with his father in the conduct of their constantly increasing business.

William Suitor married Miss Susan Kinnear January 18, 1876, and the following children have

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been born to them: Edwin J., November 18, 1878; Mabel F., August 23, 1883; Arthur E., August 11, 1886; Marion H., March 2, 1895; and S. Bertha, April 17, 1897.

EDWIN J. SUITER.

ORLEANS BOAT AND MACHINE COMPANY. This firm, consisting of George W. Reed, Harry W. Darling, and Dr. Charles V. Bogue, is one of Newport's latest and most important business acquisitions. Mr. Reed, the senior partner and general manager of the firm, is a natural mechanic of high order. He thoroughly fitted himself as a mechanic in some of the best machine shops in Boston. He is especially gifted in designing and construction of boats, having constructed a steamer for the late E. Raymond, former president of the Passumpsic division of the Boston & Maine railroad, at the age of fourteen. This steamer is still in use, and is probably the only example in the world of the construction of a practical steamship by so young a boy. Mr. Reed has built some very fine boats for the local trade to which he respectfully refers all looking for first-class work. Among others he refers to those of the Hon. G. H.

ORLEANS BOAT AND MACHINE CO.

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Prouty and W. C. Linsey of Newport. Mr. Reed was born in Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, and is thirty-eight years of age. He is married and has two promising boys.

Mr. Darling and Dr. Bogue, while not giving their time to the manufacturing department, are both active in the business of the company.

ALLEN P. NILES.

MRS. ALLEN P. NILES.

NILES, ALLEN P., son of Zebulon W. and Sarah G. (Pape) Niles, was born at Derby, August 26, 1839, and attended the public schools of Derby and Lyndon academy. In 1850 he left Derby and did not return until 1864. In October of that year he married Augusta A. Fletcher of Derby, and for two years carried on the homestead; he then purchased the old home and still resides there. Five children have been born to them, two of whom are still living, John Fletcher Niles and Frank A. John F. married Ina Robbins of Derby.

Allen P. Niles has served Derby two years as a selectman and nine years as overseer of the poor. The home farm consists of some 320 acres, has 3,200 sugar trees, and sixty-five head of stock is kept.

PARKER, JOHN J., youngest son of Edwin W. Parker of Lennoxville, Quebec, was born at Hatley, Quebec, February 23, 1877, attended the public schools, and in 1899 located at Derby Line.

Mr. Parker early developed a taste for the refined and artistic, therefore decided on a career of a photographic artist, in which line he has now had some eight years of success-

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ful experience. Since locating at Derby Line he has won, by strict attention to business, a marked degree of public favor and his work has

JOHN J. PARKER.

caused favorable comment. Nice posing, proper lighting and retouching, coupled with a splendid handling of each subject, naturally makes work coming from the Parker studio a credit to the artist and to the town in which he resides.

CRAFTSBURY.

Population, Census of 1900, 1,251.

The town of Minden was granted to Colonel Ebenezer Crafts and his sixty-three associates November 6, 1780, and chartered August 23, 1781. This name was retained until October 27, 1790, when it was changed to Craftsbury in honor of Ebenezer Crafts, the first settler in what is now Orleans county.

The first settlement was made by Colonel Crafts in 1788. He opened a road from Cabot and built a house and sawmill.

The town was organized in March, 1792, with Colonel Ebenezer Crafts, moderator; Samuel Crafts, clerk; that same year Colonel Crafts was elected the first representative.

The first child was Betsey Cutler, born August 22, 1791. The first physician was Dr. James Paddock, who came in 1793. He married Augusta Crafts, daughter of Colonel Crafts and had two sons, James A. and William E. The latter was a merchant in the town. James A. graduated from the university of Vermont, read law, and practised until his death. He reared four children. The youngest, Augustus, is now a merchant at Craftsbury village.

SAMUEL C. CRAFTS.

Colonel Ebenezer Crafts was born at Pomfret in 1740, graduated from Yale in 1759, was in command of a company in the Revolution, and died in 1810.

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Hon. Samuel C. Crafts, son of Ebenezer, was born in Woodstock, Connecticut, 1768, graduated from Harvard 1790, was for thirty-seven years town clerk, served in the legislature five terms, two terms as clerk of the house of representatives, ten years assistant judge of the county, six years as chief judge, six years as a member of the council of the state, and in 1816 was elected a member of congress and held that office eight years. He was again elected to the state council and chief judge again for three years, and in 1829 was elected governor of the state and served three years. He was president of the constitutional convention of 1829, and in 1849 was elected to fill an unexpired term as United States senator. He died in 1853.

Craftsbury furnished eight men in the War of 1812, 128 in the Civil war, and bore $14,275.92 of expense.

The Congregational church was organized on July 4, 1797, the Methodist in 1818, and the Reformed Presbyterian about 1830.

ANDRUS, DON FREDERICK, youngest of the four sons of Horace S. and Lavinia G. Andrus, was born at South Craftsbury, Orleans county, August 5, 1867. He attended the public schools of his native village until 1881, when he entered Craftsbury academy, and pursued the classical course under Leland E. Tupper, A. B., and graduated in May, 1884. During the following year he taught in the public schools, and meanwhile pursued advanced studies at the academy. He matriculated at the University of Vermont in September, 1885, and graduated in the full classical course in June, 1889. His excellent scholarship and exemplary character won the esteem and high commendation of the members of the faculty. While a student in college, he united with the College street Congregational church of Burlington; became a charter member of the Alpha Tau Omega Greek letter fraternity, Beta Zeta chapter; was one of the ten public speakers chosen to represent the college at junior commencement, and one of the ten at senior commencement; and was class poet at class-day exercises.

Don F. Andrus was united in marriage to Linnie May, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Austin Scribner, in 1891, and three daughters, Myra May, Cora Ethelyn, and Alice Lavinia Andrus, are the fruit of their union.

Mr. Andrus was three years principal of Derby academy, and during this time revised and enlarged the courses of study, established a chemical laboratory, instituted military drill, founded a business department, and raised the term attendance from twenty-five to seventy-five; meanwhile substantial repairs were made, and the fund largely increased. During his three years' principalship of McIndoe's academy many important improvements were made, including the establishment of a library. State Superintendent Ranger refers to Mr. Andrus as follows: "Among the teachers of this state Mr. Andrus holds a high place. He is energetic, skilful, painstaking, abounding in strong, manly life, and he possesses a vitality that never seems to be exhausted in the accomplishment of his high aims. Personally I have always felt that

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Mr. Andrus honored our profession."

Professor Don F. Andrus has recently established a business college at Colebrook, New Hampshire, a valuable acquisition to that thriving town.

DON F. ANDRUS.

GRAHAM, HORACE F. The present auditor of accounts, Horace F. Graham, was born February 7, 1862, and was educated in the common schools and Craftsbury academy. He graduated at Columbia college from the schools of political science and law, in the class of 1888, and was admitted to the Vermont bar in October of the same year. Since his admission he has been engaged in the active practice of his profession at Craftsbury. On his father's side his ancestry traces back to 1645, when they emigrated from Dorsetshire, England, to Greenwich, Connecticut, and he is descended on his mother's side from the Stuart, Brock, and Harvey families, who came from Scotland and settled in Barnet and Peacham.

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Mr. Graham was a member of the house of 1902, serving as chairman of the committee on state and court expenses and as a member of the committee on revision of bills. He introduced and advocated the measure that finally resulted in the revision of the statutes of 1894. He was again a member of the house of 1900, at which session he was chairman of the committee on corporations, member of the committees on rules, revision of bills, and judiciary. He was state's attorney for Orleans county from 1898 to 1902. He was a presidential elector in 1900 and was elected auditor of accounts in September, 1902.

He is a member of the firm of Stevens, Graham & Kinney at Hardwick, Vermont, lumber manufacturers and dealers, and of the firm of Graham & Skinner of Craftsbury, both of which concerns do a very considerable business. He is a member of Meridian Sun lodge, No. 20, F. & A. M., chartered in 1800. It is indicative of the regard

HORACE F. GRAHAM.

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in which he is held by the people of Craftsbury, that he has been elected to nearly all the offices within their gift.

GALLAGHER, JAMES A., was born in Craftsbury in 1860, a son of Edmund and Ann (Kilgarlan) Gallagher. He received his education in the district schools at Craftsbury academy and at the Williston (Massachusetts) seminary. After completing his education Mr. Gallagher taught school for a year in Connecticut. He then returned to Craftsbury and has always followed progressive farming. He purchased his present splendid farm nine years ago. It consists of 400 acres, has 1,400 sugar trees and keeps 60 head of stock.

Mr. Gallagher has always taken a deep interest in public matters and has been a close student of current events. He has held the various town offices and in 1902 represented Craftsbury in the general assembly where he took a conspicuous part in the business of the session, serving on the committees, banks, and elections. The farmers who

JAMES A. GALLAGHER.

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were members of the assembly early saw the necessity for an organization to further the agricultural interest of the state and an organization was soon perfected under the name of the Farmers' Legislative Organization of Vermont. The members recognizing the splendid ability and aptitude for this work of representative Gallagher elected him its first president.

In 1889 Mr. Gallagher was united in marriage to Mary Larner of Richmond. Three children have been born to them, Margaret M., William M., and Helene M.

Mr. Gallagher is president of the Mill Village creamery, and a trustee of Craftsbury academy.

GALLAGHER, THOMAS M., son of Edmund and Ann (Kilgarlan) Gallagher was born at Craftsbury, March 12, 1857. He received his education in the public schools of the town and at Craftsbury academy.

Mr. Gallagher is a splendid example of the sturdy, hustling and eminently successful Vermonter, who has demonstrated that hard, conscientious and persistent effort will bring ample reward to all. He has followed farming and has dealt extensively in cattle and real estate. He owns two farms in Craftsbury having 600 acres and keeps a hundred head of stock. His real estate transactions in the growing town of Hardwick are considerable, amounting to some $4,000 in the village and having 1,200 acres of virgin timber land outside the village proper.

Mr. Gallagher has served Craftsbury as justice, lister, selectman and in 1896 represented the town in the general assembly.

In 1887 Mr. Gallagher was united in marriage to Clara Renfew of Craftsbury. Two children have been born to them, Stephen Renfew and Dora Ann.

GREENSBORO.

Population, Census of 1900, 874.

November 6, 1780, the town of Coltshill was granted to Harris Colt and his sixty-six associates, and was chartered August 20, 1781. Soon after the name was changed to Greensboro, in honor of one of the grantees.

In 1789 the first settlement in town was made. As early as 1779 an old military road was opened through the township, and in 1781 Captain Nehemiah Loveland, of Peacham, sent a scouting party over this road. They proceeded as far as a block house located on the shore of Caspian lake, where they were surprised by a party of Indians. Two were killed and scalped, the others carried to Canada as prisoners.

In December, 1788, a meeting of the proprietors was held in Cabot. Timothy Stanley, one of the proprietors, had his limbs so badly frozen that amputation of one of his feet became necessary. The operation, for want of proper instruments, was performed with a mallet and chisel, and strange to relate, proved quite successful.

Ashbel and Aaron Shepard came with their families from Newbury in the spring of 1789, and this dates the first actual settlement. March 25, 1790, William Scott Shepard was born, being not only the first birth in the town, but the first in what is now Orleans county.

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Timothy Stanley came in 1790, and erected a sawmill near the outlet of the lake, and in the following year built a grist-mill.

October 25, 1793, the first wedding in the county took place, uniting Joseph Stanley of Greensboro and Mary Gerould of Craftsbury.

March 29, 1793, the town was organized, with Nathan Cutler as first town clerk. In 1795 Timothy Stanley was chosen as the first representative.

GREENSBORO FREE LIBRARY.

During the Civil war Greensboro furnished 114 men for service.

TOLMAN, HON. HENRY S., of Greensboro, son of Enoch and Abigail (Cook) Tolman, was born at Greensboro, September 1, 1825. His grandfather, Thomas Tolman, an officer in the Revolutionary army, was one of the early settlers of that town, and was appointed first town clerk and assistant secretary of state.

Mr. Henry Tolman was a pupil of the public schools of Greensboro and Peacham academy. At his father's death, which occurred just before the son arrived at majority, he took charge of the homestead, to the care of which, in addition to several other farms, he has devoted the efforts of his life, making a specialty of dairy products, and raising horses and sheep. He has a half interest in the lumber firm of Tolman, Simpson & Co., has been a director and stockholder in the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad, and president of the Caledonia National bank at Danville. He has served on the town and county Republican committees, was for twenty years selectman, and held numerous other official positions in the town,

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HENRY S. TOLMAN.

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which he represented for three terms in the state legislature in 1866, 1867, and 1888. He was elected senator from Orleans county in 1874. During the war he discharged the duties of recruiting officer, also drawing the money due the soldiers' wives. In the year 1895 he was elected judge of Orleans county, and held that office for four years continuously. Since that date he has built and presented to the town of Greensboro a library building which is proving to be a success every way. For forty years he has been a consistent member of the Congregational church, serving on the executive committee.

Mr. Tolman married Martha A., daughter of J. C. and Clara (Livermore) Jackson of Greensboro, who died May 11, 1862, leaving one son, Alpha E. He was married a second time to Fannie P. (Waterman) Eaton, daughter of Arunah and Mehitable (Dodge) Waterman, who departed this life March 5, 1890. By his second wife Mr. Tolman had one daughter, Martha A.

COOK, JOHN BRAY, of Greensboro, son of Charles, Jr., and Caroline (Huntington) Cook, and great-grandson of Captain Moody Cook, was born at Greensboro, July 3, 1836. Charles S. Cook, a son of Captain Moody Cook, an officer of the American Revolution, settled at Campton, New Hampshire, and later removed to Vermont, settling on the farm on which the subject of this sketch now resides. Mr. Cook exhibits with justifiable pride the powderhorn carried by his illustrious ancestor in the early conflict.

Mr. Cook received his educational training at the Greensboro public schools and in two terms each at the academies of St. Johnsbury and Barre. He remained on the farm until twenty-two years of age, removing to Iowa three years later, in the spring of 1861. In October of that year he enlisted for three years in Company A, Fourteenth Iowa infantry, expecting to be sent immediately to the front, but the trouble with the Sioux Indians occurring at this time, the regiment was ordered to Fort Randall in South Dakota. Here Mr. Cook remained for two years, sharing in many of the exciting events of the campaign under General Sully. After the Minnesota massacre he was detailed, with a party of twenty-five, to pursue the Sioux Indians, and after a successful skirmish, captured six, who were carried to the fort, but who subsequently escaped. By the command of General Sully, Mr. Cook was assigned to the quartermaster's department, in which he remained until the expiration of his term of service. His company built the first building at Fort Sully, and as wagonmaster under a strong Indian guard of soldiers, he drew the logs for the first warehouse erected at Fort Rice.

He has been elected to several town offices and appointed justice of the peace. In his political faith he is a Republican. Mr. Cook is affiliated with Caledonia grange, No. 9, of Hardwick, is a member of the Congregational church and a teacher in the Sabbath school.

In 1898 Mr. Cook represented the town of Greensboro in the legislature, being a member of the committee on agriculture. He has

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also served his town as justice of the peace and road commissioner.

Mr. Cook married, November 14, 1865, Katharine, daughter of Captain Charles and Hannah (Lewis) Kallamyer. Captain Kallamyer left the service of the German emperor for political reasons, and afterwards entered the regular army of the United States, serving with Generals Scott and Tyler in the Mexican war.

The home farm has been in possession of the Cook family for a period of 103 years.

JOHN B. COOK.

JACKSON, HON. LEWIS A., was born at Woodbury, Vermont, in 1840, a son of Israel C. and Clarissa P. (Livermore) Jackson. He received his education in the common schools and at Hardwick academy. After completing his studies Mr. Jackson taught school at Greensboro for six years, and not a few of the younger generation laid a solid foundation for a life of usefulness while under the care and watchfulness of this watchful and painstaking master of the old school. Mr. Jackson has generally followed

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farming, although his time has been much taken up by various lines of work. For years he has been a notary public and fire insurance agent, and for 33 years a deputy sheriff. He has served Greensboro as lister thirty-five years, superintendent of schools, constable, and collector thirty-three years, and in 1890 represented the town in the general assembly of Vermont, serving on the committee on insane.

Careful, conservative, and always ready to aid when aid is needed has won for Mr. Jackson hosts of solid loyal friends not only in his own town, but throughout Orleans county, and consequently he was elected state senator for the county in 1902, and served as chairman of the committee on grand list and on the railroad committee; on both of these he did careful, conscientious work.

LEWIS A. JACKSON.

In 1869 Senator Jackson married Mary O., a daughter of John Simpson of Greensboro. Two children came to bless their happy union: Clara L. (Mrs. Herbert T. Fay of Westford, Vermont) and Willie S.

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of Waltham, Massachusetts. Mrs. Jackson died in 1897.

ROSS, ELDER NATHAN A., son of Thomas C. and Louise L. Ross, was born in Cambridge, Vermont, May 15, 1860. At one year of age his father moved to Underhill, where he remained until he was thirty-two years of age, getting his education at that place, and graduating from Underhill academy under Prof. Joseph Cilley. While in Underhill he worked fourteen years for two lumber compaines, Shepard & Morse and D. L. Terrill Co.

He was married in 1880 to Alida Cunningham, who was born in Richmond, Vermont, in 1862. They have four children: Howard T., Ruth I., Mac W., and Alice D.

ELDER NATHAN A ROSS.

In 1892 he received an appointment to preach in Woodbury, and during the five years he was there he supplied several other pulpits, built the Methodist Episcopal church now standing in Woodbury, also took a contract for five years

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to draw granite for R. T. Carter, which gave him the name of the "granite preacher."

He represented the town in the general assembly, receiving almost a unanimous vote; he was also justice of the peace, and is still.

He came to Greensboro Bend in 1897, where he is still filling the pulpit in the Methodist Episcopal church, preaching three sermons every Sunday, one in Stannard and supplying at what is called the "Four Corners" in Greensboro, and attending two prayer meetings.

He is a great worker outside of his regular religious services, attends a great many weddings and is called from far and near to preach funeral sermons; is very sympathetic and is made the confidant of hundreds who feel life's sorrows and perplexities are more than they can bear, and many a sorrowful heart has been filled thereby with comfort and good cheer. Under all circumstances he is the same trusty and trusting friend, self-sacrificing, devoted Christian, and for the right strong as a giant, but never makes his views obnoxious to his opponents: generous to a fault, no one goes to him who is in financial trouble but his hand goes into his pocket, and sometimes so deep that he is seriously embarrassed himself. He is beloved by all who know him. No one is too low, if they are sick or in need, for him to visit.

BARTER, WILLIAM E., son of Manley A. and Sarah J. (Willis) Barter, was born at Richford, September 25, 1876. He received his education at the public schools of his native town and at the Richford academy. After completing his education he clerked for a while and for four years was a partner with his father in a general store. For six years he resided at West Swanzey, New Hampshire. In December, 1903, he leased the Greensboro Bend Hotel and conducts a good house. A splendid livery is run in connection.

February 12, 1901, Mr. Barter was united in marriage to Miss Maud Smith of East Richford. One child, Sadie M., born February 23,

WILLIAM E. BARTER.

1903, has blessed their happy union.

CUTHBERTSON, GEORGE M., a successful merchant of Greensboro, was born in that town in 1851, a son of Bruce H. and Isabelle Cuthbertson.

He received a good education in the public schools of his native town and at Peacham academy. After leaving school he entered his

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father's general store at Greensboro. In 1875 he and his brother, Hugh M., bought out their father and have continued the business under the firm name of Cuthbertson Brothers, meeting with splendid success, and both meriting and winning a large degree of confidence.

George M. Cuthbertson has for many years been a leading factor in the public life of Greensboro; he served as postmaster twenty years; has been the efficient town clerk and treasurer for ten years and in 1902 represented the town in the general assembly of Vermont.

In 1892 Mr. Cuthbertson was united in marriage to Nettie, a daughter of Emery Townsend of Greensboro. One child has been born to them, Ruth Marie. Mrs. Cuthbertson died July 26, 1903.

Bruce H. Cuthbertson, father of George M., came to Greensboro from Scotland in 1843. He was a man of integrity, enterprise and great worth. After disposing of his business in 1875 to his two sons he opened a general store at Greensboro Bend which he continued to conduct until his death, which occurred in 1897.

GEORGE M. CUTHBERTSON.

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